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From April 21st 1940
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On First Day afternoon, Fourth Month 21 st, 1940 a group of Friends gathered in the Faculty Room of Hartranft Hall and after a short period of thoughtful silence turned over in their minds and hearts the advisability of taking on themselves the responsibilities of an established meeting. Present were Thomas R. Bodine, Paul Butterworth, Edith C. Clapp, George Halford, Alice E. Jorgensen, Ruth H. Kirk, R. Collis Matteson, Rachel C. Nason, Bertha Otis, Alexander C. Purdy, Jeannette H. Purdy, Fern Stowe, Cassandra C. White, G. Herbert White, and Mintern Wright. With them as their guests were two students from the Hartford Theological Seminary, Mildred Hinshaw and Harold Sharp, Albert Scott, from Cambridge, William Haye from Providence, and two members of a Committee appointed by the American Friends' Fellowship Council: Henry I. Perry from Cambridge and J. Barnard Walton from Philadelphia.

In a spirit of humility and reverence these Friends opened their hearts to one another, rejoicing in their common sense of fellowship. They reviewed their past experiences as a Group and thought long and earnestly of the future. From their visitors words of wise counsel and advice were gratefully received. Finally, with simplicity and sincerity they decided to proceed with the formal organization of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

As Alice E. Jorgensen read from a list of names she had submitted to the Fellowship Council, the initial membership list of the Meeting was prepared. It was understood that this list was not in its final form, but that it would be added to over the next half year period. It will be found in its final form on page 10A in these minutes.

Several persons come as new members of the Society of Friends. It was the hope of the Meeting that these Friends could complete their transfer of membership within ~~a~~ six months. It was felt that no Friend need bring his membership from his home meeting at this time unless he wishes to.

It was the desire of the

Meeting that a statement saying simply that the following have constituted themselves the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends be entered in a Recorder's Book and that each member of the Meeting be given an opportunity to enter his signature in that book.

Upon considering officers and committees, it was decided that Paul Butterworth would act as Clerk with George Halford aiding him as Assistant Clerk, Mabel Bailey as Recording Clerk, Alice E. Jorgensen as Corresponding Clerk, and Thomas R. Bodine as Treasurer. Those appointees who were present agreed to serve. A Committee on Refugees will be headed by Edith Clapp, and a

Peace Committee by Rachel Nason. No decision was reached concerning a Committee on Oversight or Best Interests, but the hope was expressed that Alexander and Jeannette Purdy might find themselves able to serve at least in the capacity of counselors on such a Committee.

Having decided that they would come together again on Fifth Day evening to complete the details of organization, the Meeting dispersed after a short period of silent and thankful worship.

Thomas R Bodine
Acting Recording Clerk

Fourth Month 25, 1940

Thomas R. Bodine, who had acted as recording Clerk at our organizing meeting, read the minutes he had prepared on that occasion. The Meeting found deep satisfaction in his expression, and with a few minor corrections, they were approved.

The Meeting approved the Clerk's suggestion that a mimeographed list of our mailing list, which now numbers more than a hundred members and interested people, be sent to everyone on the mailing list.

Mabel Bailey reported that because she had undertaken a community service that might involve her in occasional absence Thursday evenings, she would prefer not to serve as Recording Clerk at this time. Rachel Nason agreed to undertake the service temporarily, with the assurance of assistance of others.

George Halford reported an invitation to our Meeting to join in a meeting Thursday, May 6th at 8 o'clock at the Center Church House, sponsored by the Young People's Committee of the Hartford Council of Churches. This meeting is to be addressed by Emily Parker of the Service Committee, formerly in Spain, on the Needs of Refugee Children. We are asked to help develop a speaking program for Emily Parker.

It was decided to send $20 to the Fellowship Council to assist in defraying their expenses of travel and other activities which they had undertaken for our assistance.

Alice E. Jorgensen read a letter from Henry J. Perry in which he quoted a statement of purpose signed by the Friends in Washington when they organized their Meeting a few years ago. It had been suggested at our organizing meeting that we might gain in power by signing jointly some such minute in Hartford. The Meeting expressed great appreciation of his letter. It was thought that a Membership Book, in which members might sign if they wished, would be of great value. This book could have on the first page a statement of purpose, but the signatures would not necessarily be considered as attached to this statement. To prepare this book, Thomas R. Bodine, Rachel C. Nason, and Alice E. Jorgensen are appointed.

As a committee to draw up a plan for accepting members, the Meeting appointed Jeannette Purdy, Mintern Wright, Cassandra White, Moses Bailey, and Robert Walker. The Clerk will notify these Friends of their appointment.

A letter was read from Cornelius Krusé asking to be recorded as a member of the Hartford Monthly Meeting. Friends asked Thomas R. Bodine to write Cornelius Krusé welcoming him into our fellowship and explaining our plan of procedure.

Thomas R. Bodine and Edith

Clapp had secured a minute book which they showed to us as a sample of what might be had. The Meeting then adjourned.

Paul Butterworth,
Clerk

Rachel Conrad Nason
Recording Clerk

Original Membership List of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

1940

Bailey, Moses	160 North Main Street, West Hartford
Mabel G.	
M. Marguerite	
Banks, Theodore H.	28 Lawn Avenue, Middletown
Bodine, Thomas R.	University Club, Hartford
Butterworth, Paul	Sunset Farm Road, West Hartford
Cartland, J. Frank	50 Highland Terrace, Middletown
Marian P.	
Clapp, Edith C.	78 Westminster Street, Hartford
Greene, William Ainsworth	15 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford
Florence & boys.	
Halford, George	49 South Main Street, West Hartford
Ethel & girls,	
Harvey, Thomas P.	349 Steele Road, West Hartford
Jorgensen, Alice E.	380 Blue Hills Avenue, Hartford
Kirk, Ruth H. (Mrs. Wm. P.)	60 Beverly Road, West Hartford
Morrison, Margaret Nordhoff	21 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford
Nason, Rachel Conrad	25 Mountain View Drive, West Hartford
Otis, Bertha J.	1571 Boulevard, West Hartford
Purdy, Alexander C.	96 Sherman Street, Hartford
Jeannette H.	
Adalyn F.	
Thomas E.	
Donald A.	
Stowe, Fern	41 Sycamore Street, Windsor
Swett, Paul P.	Duncaster Road, Bloomfield
Anne	
Walker, Robert B.	23 Maple Street, Bristol
White, G. Herbert	185 Warrenton Avenue, West Hartford
Cassandra C.	

{ *Krusa, Cornelius
{ *Marsh, Marguerite Crespid

* Both received within the first six month period designated for Charter members. See p. 25.

Fifth Month 9th, 1940

Present were Alice E. Jorgensen, George Halford, Edith C. Clapp, Robert B. Walker, Jeannette Purdy, Friedel Weinberg, Thomas R. Bodine, and Friedrich Bruell.

The minutes of the April 25th meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Cornelius Krusé expressing his appreciation of our welcome to him was read and placed on file.

It was decided that the Minute Book and the Recorder's Book and the Treasurer's Book as presented be considered satisfactory. It was felt that the members signatures should be kept in a book separate from these others so that the signatures could be examined from time to time without opening the vital statistics or the minutes to the public. The statement of purpose would be entered in this Signature Book, but not in the others. There was discussion about having a Visitors' Book like the one at Northampton.

It was felt that it would be best to wait till a larger group were present before deciding on the final form of the statement of purpose. As it was drawn up tonight, it reads:

"Our purpose in the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends is to increase the power of God within us through waiting worship and to develop our strength for such service as we may be called to undertake."

In the absence of Moses Bailey, who was to have presented the Bases of Membership Committee's prepared report, Jeannette Purdy reported from memory, but asked that the prepared report - not hers - be included in these minutes.

Jeannette Purdy, Robert B. Walker and Edith C. Clapp will serve as a Committee to nominate Overseers.

It was felt that the phrase "on the basis of silence" in our newspaper announcement is not altogether satisfactory and that the announcement should somehow indicate that anyone is welcome to attend our meetings for Worship.

The Meeting adjourned about quarter to ten.

Thomas R Bodine

Acting Recording Clerk

Sixth Month 8th, 1940

The Hartford Meeting of the Society of Friends met in business session on Thursday evening June 8th after the regular Meeting for Worship.

A report was read from Jeannette Purdy as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommending the appointment of Moses Bailey, Cassandra P. White, Robert B. Walker, and Bertha Otis as Overseers. They have consented to serve if the Meeting desires. The Meeting expressed unity with this report, and the persons named are appointed to service.

The problem of summer meetings was considered. Friends desired to meet Thursday evenings during the summer months, and Alice E Jorgensen was asked to ascertain whether our present quarters are available. She agreed to notify members of final arrangements.

An invitation was extended to the Meeting to attend the Connecticut Peace Conference June 19th at the Loomis School. Rachel C Nason will attend for the day, and Robert B Walker in the evening.

A report was read from the Friends Fellowship Council, describing the work of the past year. Plans for our June picnic next Saturday were announced.

It was suggested that letters to the newspapers would be valuable, urging citizens to avoid rejecting German refugees and others of German origin because of possible Hitler sympathiss. Careful investigation should precede any such assumption. The concern was referred to the next business meeting for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Conrad Aaron
Recording Clerk

Ninth Month 19th, 1940

Friends convened at the home of Paul Butterworth where they were entertained at supper. Thirty were present. After a period of worship the Clerk announced the approaching meeting of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends to be held at Northampton October 12th and 13th.

The minutes of our last business session, June 8th, were read and approved. A special business meeting was called by the Clerks in August to welcome as a member Cornelius Krusé who had been visited by the Overseers. The Meeting approved the action of this special summer session.

The Treasurer's Report for the fiscal

year September 1, 1939 to September 1, 1940 was read, showing a present balance of $26.50. He suggested sending a Treasurer's Letter to members outlining our needs for the coming year. Mintern Wright reported the advantage in a similar small Meeting of including a card on which Friends could indicate if they desired to contribute at intervals through the year rather than in one payment. George Halford urged that the Treasurer's Letter be presented to the Meeting before it was sent out.

Robert B Walker reported on the summer Meetings. Attendance varied from six or eight to one. Visitors had been present at a number of meetings. The meetings were fruitful and of significance to those not in attendance as well as to those present, but it was hoped more Friends would be at home to join in them next summer.

Friends were asked to confer with Alice E Jorgensen on names of ~~individuals~~ interested people or other Friends who should be regularly notified of our Meetings.

Cassandra White reported for the Overseers. They had visited Cornelius Krusé whose membership was confirmed in August and also Mrs Harry Marsh, whom they recommended to our fellowship. Friends were in agreement, and Marguerite Crespi~~t~~ Marsh is recorded as a Member of our Society. The Corresponding Clerk is directed to notify her of our action, and welcome her cordially into our group.

It was thought desirable to separate our business meetings and our supper-speake meetings. The business meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month, and the supper meetings will usually be held on the fourth Thursday, to begin in October. A program committee to plan for the supper meetings was thought advisable. Jeannette Purdy and Robert B. Walker were asked to assist Alice E Jorgensen in this service, with the assured cooperation of all members in securing special leaders.

The Overseers were asked to develop a method by which special or emergency business meetings might be called and members notified. They were also asked to consider the statement of purpose to be placed in our membership book, and report at a later meeting. It was hoped that Alexander Purdy might add his advice on this matter.

The Meeting was receptive to further cooperation with the American Friends Service Committee in reenforcing their support in New England.

Harrison Butterworth reported on his summer's experience in an American Friends Service Committee Work Camp in Cooperstown, N.Y. He had assisted there in building a needed shed in a cooperative lumber mill project. A number of these Camps were in operation during the summer - twenty or so - three of these are now on a year's basis to offer alternative service to war. A typical day included about eight hours of work, a meeting for worship and after 3:30 recreation. Frequently an interesting speaker would come in the evening - Richard Gregg, Guy Solt, and others among them. Occasionally help was given to neighboring farmers, who were won to appreciation by the contact. The members of the Camp gave their services. So far as possible they paid their own expenses. The shed built could not have been financed by the cooperative community so that there was no danger that the volunteers were taking work from others.

Thomas R Bodine reported briefly on the Peace Conference he and Robert B Walker had attended in Providence last weekend. Henry Cadbury had urged the persistent, perennial nature of the Quaker peace testimony, its all-inclusiveness, and the constructive attitude in which Friends express their feelings through positive action. To stand still against a stream sometimes takes more horsepower than to go along with it. It is difficult to be a small minority, but history may show us to have been less mistaken than we think likely during the war itself. Where should we draw the line? We reject all murder; therefore all war. "But," people say, "this war is different." Yes - but so is every murder. The Mexican War of 1848 in its day was considered "different". We are frequently asked, "What would you do if your mother were being attacked?" Under certain circumstances a military man might refuse to defend his mother - he might be on a military mission which prevents his delaying that long. The early settlers in Pennsylvania lived without the use of force. When they were finally outnumbered, they raised money to indemnify the Indians that were being tricked by the new government. "I have no no confidence in the alternative," said Henry Cadbury. "I am prepared to try out the experiment of pacifism — now. What I intend to practice is active and aggressive good will, with the Government's cooperation as long as possible; if not, without the Government's assistance".

George Halford called attention to the report in the Hartford Times of a meeting of young people at the Central Baptist Church last night who were opposed to war. He thought that if such groups were lonely we should offer them fellowship.

Thomas R Bodine outlined the functions of the local Meeting in carrying out the Quaker peace testimony as evolved at the Providence Conference as follows:

1) Help conscientious objectors develop answers to the questions propounded in the pamphlet "The London Tribunal Questions the C.O."

2) Make a list of the conscientious objectors and persuade them to put in writing why they are C.O.'s.

3) Study the Bible in order that we may stand our ground at sessions devoted to Scripture-quoting.

4) Seek out the other conscientious objectors in the community and find means of cooperating with the F.O.R. and other groups.

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5) Provide work for the conscientious objectors by searching out evils in the community which are the result of the War and seek to eradicate them.

6) Appoint some one person to lead and be responsible for the Meeting's work for conscientious objectors.

7) Read the pacifist literature and report on and discuss that reading.

8) Help conscientious objectors to register their position with community leaders

9) Urge older people to register their convictions also.

10) Let the Meetings unite within themselves — to prepare to stand back of the conscientious objectors and to formulate their positions as Meetings, taking into consideration their duty to the State and their duty as Meetings of the Society of Friends. Prepare a statement in case some newspaper reporter asks for it.

11) Pray — in a positive way — that these things *shall* be, not merely that these other things shall not be.

Rachel C Nason said that at the Meeting of the Connecticut Peace Conference last June she had met five young men who wished to assume the C.O. position and that she had kept in touch with them. She felt that a concerned group of the meeting should be ready to counsel with them.

It was decided to make this whole subject the order of business at an adjourned meeting next Thursday night.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Cowadleavoy

Recording Clerk

October 10, 1940

Friends convened after their regular Meeting for Worship at the Hartford Theological Seminary. Twenty were present.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Peace Committee reported an open meeting held Thursday, September 26 at the Hartford Seminary attended by young people interested in assuming the position of conscientious objector. Thirty seven had been present, about half from the Seminary. Cornelius Krusé attended and was most helpful because of his own experience in the last War. It was suggested that some members of the Peace Committee should be available at a publicly appointed place and time to counsel with any desiring advice. The State Council of Churches is forming an inter-faith committee for the defense of the conscientious objector, and will welcome our cooperation. Both these concerns were referred to our Peace Committee, to which were named Moses Bailey, Thomas R Bodine, Cornelius Krusé, Rachel C Nason, Fern E Stowe, and Robert B Walker.

The Refugee Committee reported that since the British Government was now discouraging the transfer of children to this country, the ~~transfer~~ arrival of the Quaker child in West Hartford to whose expenses we had expected to contribute was indefinitely postponed. The Clerk read an invitation from the Hartford Federation of Churches to a meeting to be addressed by the representative of the Christian Committee for the Care of European Refugees. The Meeting hoped a supporting group for this movement could develop here, but felt our part in it should be humble. More community study groups on refugee problems were urged.

It was suggested that we might find the reading of Queries useful. Alexander Purdy and Moses Bailey were asked to make some study of those now in use, and report to us.

A few of our members have children who might enjoy a First Day School. Parents should be canvassed to determine the need. Alice Jorgensen agreed to prepare some recommendations for the next Meeting.

Moses Bailey reported for the Overseers. They had met informally several times. They felt that the Clerk should have power to call special meetings when needed. And the Meeting was in accord with this recommendation.

It was decided that in view of our participation in the coming Conference of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends in Northampton we would have no supper meeting this month.

The Corresponding Clerk reported that she had acknowledged Fern Stowe's transfer of membership. The Meeting's newspaper publicity was discussed, and it was decided to continue notices in the Hartford papers. By invitation Miss Genevieve Cowles then told us briefly of the work in visiting prisons in Connecticut as a member of the Connecticut Prison Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Comadhaxoof
Recording Clerk

November 7, 1940

Friends convened after the regular Meeting for Worship at the Hartford Theological Seminary. Eighteen were present.

The Peace Committee reported that the YMCA would welcome our counsel in advising such conscientious objectors as came to them. A group is meeting Wednesday evenings at the Seminary, made up of conscientious objectors outside as well as within our own group. The Meeting expressed interest in the continuation of this work.

Alexander Purdy reported progress in collecting Queries from various Disciplines and hopes to present them for study to the Meeting as a whole.

Those appointed to consider plans for a First Day School recommended that plans for an organized school be deferred until next Spring so that a more adequate teaching group could be developed along with a school membership. The Meeting united with this recommendation.

The nature + use of our Minutes was reviewed. After discussion the Overseers were asked to give advice on their form.

The Clerk reported informally on the Conference of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends in Northampton October 12-13, which had attracted several hundred people. those in attendance had felt it of great value. The Meeting expressed appreciation of the work of the Conference Committees, and gratitude to the members of the Northampton Meeting whose planning and hospitality had contributed greatly to the success of the Conference. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of this minute to the Northampton meeting.

It was decided to record the Membership list as now constituted, in the Minute Book as the initial Membership Group. It will be found on page 10A. The Overseers were asked to determine how children of members should be listed. Because the earlier minutes of the Meeting do not clearly indicate that the Hartford Meeting was set up last April with the help and approval of the Friends' Fellowship Council, it is desired that this fact be stated with the initial membership record.

The Overseers were asked to review also the use of record books and visitors' books. The dates of our fiscal year were considered. It was felt that a review of our business, financial, + committee organization would be helpful together with the nomination of Friends to serve as additional officers and Committee members for this year. The Clerks and the Overseers were asked to carry through this study + report to our next Meeting.

The Treasurer submitted a budget for 1940-41, which was approved by the Meeting as a minimum basis.

Plans for our December supper meeting were discussed. Henry Cadbury can probably be with us Thursday December 12th. Details were referred to Alice E Jorgensen and Robert B Walker who will serve temporarily as a Program Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Conrad Garvey
Recording Clerk

December 5, 1940

Friends convened at the Hartford Theological Seminary after their regular meeting for worship. Fourteen were present.

A supper meeting was held in Middletown at the home of Cornelius Kruse Thursday evening November 14th. It was well attended in spite of bad weather, and the program and hospitality were both greatly appreciated.

The Overseers reported on the items of business referred to them at the last business meeting, and the Meeting approved their recommendations.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS

December 5, 1940

To the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Your overseers have met and considered with care the matters delegated to them.

It is our belief that provision should be made for associate membership in the Meeting, for children whose parents so desire; and that associate members should be encouraged to join Friends, at a suitable time, perhaps during the high school years. For the present there seems no occasion for other forms of membership in the Hartford Monthly Meeting, than associate and full membership.

We recommend that the nominating committee consider the proper date for the beginning of the fiscal year, and report its suggestion with appropriate nominations.

We suggest that the minutes be read as the items of business are accomplished; and that the details of their presentation be left to the recording clerk. We believe that conciseness of form is desireable and that, where it does not interfere with accuracy, the names of those who speak to the business be not read.

Anonymous gifts outside of the regular budget of the meeting we believe should not ordinarily be forwarded in the name of the Meeting. The treasurer may, at the discretion of the finance committee, privately transmit such funds.

For the Overseers,

December 5, 1940

The Overseers wish further to report that Ruth H Kirk and Thomas P Harvey, members of other Friends' Meetings would like also to be members of this meeting and we recommend to the Meeting that their names be entered on our records.

For some months the Overseers have had under careful consideration the application for membership from Bernard Wojan, and it is now our judgment that he should be accepted as a member.

For the Overseers,
Cassandra C. White

The report of the Clerks and Overseers on business and committee organization was read, and accepted with various suggestions and recommendations.

REPORT OF CLERKS AND OVERSEERS

December 5, 1940

The Clerks and Overseers met at the home of Moses Bailey Sunday afternoon November 24 to consider the business and committee organization of the Meeting.

It was felt that our business procedure would be greatly simplified by the development of responsible and active committees.

1) Matters coming to the attention of the Clerk during the month should be referred to the chairman of the appropriate committee and brought into business meeting with a recommendation for action.

2) A monthly news letter was suggested. This would emphasize the dates of business and supper meetings and provide an opportunity for other announcements.

3) Some of our committees may wish to hold open meetings in which all interested Friends can join. These might take place in the after-Meeting hour on free Thursdays evenings, and such plans could be publicized through the news letter. There might occasionally be space in the newsletter for a little news of general Quaker activity. Such a newsletter would demand the time of one or two of our members as editors, and would cost a little money. It should therefore be thoughtfully considered by the Meeting.

To improve our financial procedure, the group recommends that an auditor be appointed to review the accounts of the Treasurer annually. A duplicate receipt book for contributions should also be used regularly and audited with the other records. The establishment of a separate bank account in the name of the Meeting was authorized.

The Hartford Meeting names each year representatives to serve with those appointed by other Meetings as the executive committee of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends. The group recommended that the Clerk or Assistant Clerk and the chairman of the Program Committee be regularly appointed as our representatives.

The Overseers had suggested to us that the meeting be served by committees covering nominations, hospitality, service (for refugees and to assist in other projects of the American Friends Service Committee) peace, finance, program, and education. To this list the group added the offices of editor, auditor, and assistant to the Corresponding Clerk. While we did not regard this plan as necessarily final, we thought it adequate for an initial development. We therefore reviewed our Meeting group and tried to suggest areas of usefulness within this pattern for each of our members. We offer these nominations, however, as a tentative rather than a final allocation, hoping that each will feel free to offer his efforts on other projects if our suggestions do not stimulate his natural interest. We are at the beginning of our relationships and will grow in mutual understanding only by sharing in common study and labor. To be effective, however, we should each seek the opportunity to contribute where we can do so to best advantage, and the group could not have sufficient information in every case to do more than suggest possible opportunities for service.

Except for the peace committee, which has completed its organization, Friends are named to Committees in alphabetical order and should choose their own chairmen. It was assumed that those now serving as Clerks, Treasurer, Overseers, or members of special committees would continue through the present year, which is to run parallel to our fiscal year, from October 1st to October 1st.

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

Editors of the Monthly Newsletter	George and Ethel Halford
Auditor	J. Herbert White
Assistant to the Corresponding Clerk	Ruth H. Kirk

STANDING COMMITTEES

1) Nominations: Ethel Halford, Jeannette Purdy, Robert Walker
2) Hospitality: Mabel and Moses Bailey, Edith Clapp, Alice Jorgensen
3) Service
   Refugees: Thomas R Bodine, Elizabeth Taylor Butterworth, Edith Clapp, Ethel Halford, Elmer E.S. Johnson, Margaret Morrison, Rachel Nason, Paul and Anne Swett, Cassandra White.
   Sewing: Ruth Kirk, Jeannette Purdy, and others interested.
4) Peace: Co-chairmen, Robert Walker and Cornelius Krusé — Marguerite Bailey, Moses Bailey, Thomas R Bodine, Paul Butterworth, Alexander Purdy, Rachel Nason, Fern Stowe, Bernard Wojan.
5) Finance: Thomas R Bodine, Minturn Wright.
6) Program: Alexander Purdy, Marian Cartland, Robert Walker, Editor of the News Letter.

7) Education: Florence and William Greene,
Jeannette Purdy, Rachel Nason, Ethel Halford.

For the Clerks and Overseers,
Rachel Conrad Nason ?

The Meeting endorsed the plan in general of using the after-Meeting hour on free Thursdays for committee meetings. The chairmen of committees desiring to have open sessions should get in touch with the program chairman who will also be free to stimulate such activity if need be.

The first issue of our newsletter is to contain the suggested committee lists, and the first-named in each group is asked to convene his committee and report the progress of organization to our next meeting.

The letter of financial appeal suggested by the Treasurer was approved for circulation. The meeting desired that the budget be regarded as a guide for rather than a limitation on our expenditures.

The Committee on Queries presented a mimeographed summary of queries from various meetings for our study. The Program committee will make suggestions for the development of this study.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Conrad Nason

Recording Clerk

January 9, 1941

Friends convened for business after meeting for Worship on January 9, 1941.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $179 and was authorized to pay $5 to the National Service Board for Religious Objectors on behalf of the Peace Committee and to pay up to $15 for materials for the Sewing Committee.

Thought was given to the cost of the News Letter, and suggestions were made concerning the meeting's street address, telephone listing, and city directory listing. No unity was reached in these matters, and they were left to a subsequent business meeting.

George Halford asked to be relieved of the responsibility of being editor of the News Letter, Ethel Halford to take over. Bertha Otis volunteered to work with her. The Meeting accepted these changes.

Several suggestions about the News Letter were made and accepted:

1) That the information about the supper meeting be made to stand out from the rest of the letter, perhaps by putting it in a box.

2) that the letterhead of the news letter contain the time and place of our regular weekly meetings.

3) that the News letter be sent out shortly before the supper meeting each month rather than arbitrarily on the first of each month.

4) that the news letter be sent to all names on the mailing list, including members, attenders, and just friends.

The Refugee Committee presented a report. In connection with the report it was asked on whom falls the responsibility financially for any refugees brought to Hartford by the Committee. There was agreement that the Committee acts almost as an independent body and assumes responsibility first and that it realizes the weight of this responsibility, but that the ultimate responsibility, moral if not legal, rests with the Meeting as a whole.

The Sewing Committee reported twenty garments completed after only two days work. They are clothing for West Virginia School children.

The Peace Committee reported on the activity of its conscientious objector division.

The Program Committee reported the program for the balance of the year.

It was felt that the Committees are doing good work and deserve the Meeting's encouragement.

It was understood that the report of the Overseers and the report of the Overseers and Clerks presented to the meeting for business on December 5th would be incorporated ~~in the~~ as part of the minutes of that Meeting.

Concern was expressed for the welfare of the Quaker Burial Ground on South Quaker Lane.

Sympathy was expressed for the Morrison family in their time of illness – the result of an auto accident – and it was agreed to send them a record of this expression.

A letter was read from Henry T. Perry inviting the meeting to share in a joint session of the Sandwich and Salem Quarterly Meetings.

A letter from the Fellowship Council reported the growth of new and united meetings and urged us to attend the Fellowship Council Conference in Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Bodine

Acting Recording Clerk

February 13, 1941

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular monthly business meeting second month thirteenth, after Meeting for Worship. The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following suggestions were made to be included in the news letter:

1) Supper meeting reservations should be made before Wednesday instead of by that day.

2) Ruth Kirk's address should be included in the letter.

3) In regard to a return address for the news Letter, it was decided to have the Editor's name and address on the envelope and the Clerk's name and address added inside.

The Sewing Committee reported progress.

The Peace Committee ~~announced~~ reported that three members attended the Peace Conference in Northampton and Amherst at which Paul Comly French led two discussions + was very helpful in answering questions.

The Program Committee announced the supper meeting which is to be held 2/20/41 with Anna Brinton from Pendle Hill as our guest speaker. Marian Cartland asked to have her name withdrawn from the Program Committee. The suggestion was made that she be asked to reconsider. The Program Committee asked for suggestions from the group at any time for possible speakers for supper meetings.

The Refugee Committee reported that the Hartford Christian Refugee Committee is having weekly meetings at the home of Jeannette Purdy, having organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Johansen. Paul Butterworth and Jeannette Purdy have attended from this Meeting.

Sunday February 23rd there will be a meeting at New Haven about the Connecticut Valley Association Spring Meeting, after the New Haven Meeting for Worship. Paul Butterworth and George Halford plan to attend this meeting. Also G Herbert and Cassandra C. White.

A request came from the Hartford Federation of Churches, asking us to make a definite connection with them. The Meeting felt that we will wish to share with them as a small group, as we are able.

The Union of Church Women, on which we have a representative, asked for our support. The suggestion was made and approved that the Treasurer send $1.00 to express our interest in their activity.

The Overseers and any other interested people were asked to join the Queries Committee to discuss queries and draft a possible set; which would be brought before the General Meeting for discussion.

The Clerk was asked to write Henry D. Perry and express our appreciation for the generous assistance he has given us.

The concern was expressed that a committee prepare educational material for the local draft boards; making sure they understand the breadth of the law. It was suggested that the Peace Committee collect information as to what is happening in other places.

Clerk - Paul Butterworth

Recording Clerk for the Day.

Bertha J. Otis

March 13, 1941

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular Business Meeting, on March 13th, following the Meeting for Worship.

The treasurer reported that he had sent the contribution of one dollar to the Union of Church Women as directed by the Meeting.

The clerk reported that he had drafted and sent a letter to Henry D. Perry expressing our appreciation of his generous assistance to this Meeting and that he had communicated our willingness to join the Hartford Federation of Churches to the president of that organization, as directed.

Friends in attendance at the New Haven meeting of the group planning for the Connecticut Valley Association, held on February 23rd, reported that May 11th had been set as the date for the next meeting of the Association, to be held in Hartford. Other matters discussed in New Haven were brought to the attention of the Meeting.

The treasurer read letters from Asa R Crawford, Secretary of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hugh W. Moore; Paul Comly French, and Leslie D. Shaffer of the AFSC, all acknowledging contributions from this meeting.

The Peace Committee reported the results of inquiries addressed to other meetings relative to their procedure with reference to local Draft Boards. These reports indicated that no approach had been made to such Boards until specific cases arose. The meetings addressed had no experience in assisting non-Friends. Members of our Peace Committee have given help and advice to conscientious objectors who are not Friends. They recommend personal contacts with members of Draft Boards as way may open for the purpose of interpreting the stand of conscientious objectors. The Peace Committee also reported that the occasion for frequent meetings of the Committee probably does not now exist. The meeting united in a warm expression of appreciation for the services rendered by the Peace Committee and the Committee is continued to meet as occasion arises.

The Refugee Committee reported informally as to the nature of its activities and responsibilities at the present time. The meeting expressed its interest and appreciation.

The Overseers submitted a tentative draft of the statement they had been directed to prepare to stand over the list of members in our records. The statement was discussed and returned to the Overseers for revision, with the suggestion that the next draft should be included in the Bulletin.

The Program Committee reported that the April Supper Meeting, to be held on April 24th, would be planned around the general subject: History of Friends in Connecticut and especially in West Hartford.

At the suggestion of the Editor, the meeting agreed that the Bulletin hereafter should be issued shortly before the monthly Supper Meeting.

The Clerk reported on the activities of the Hartford Christian Committee for Refugees, and communicated an inquiry from this committee as to whether our Meeting would be interested in cooperating with this body. The inquiry was referred to the Refugee Committee for consideration and report.

After a devotional pause the meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Alexander C. Purdy Recording Clerk For the Day

April 10, 1941

The Hartford Monthly Meeting met for the regular Business Meeting, on April 10th, following the meeting for worship.

It was reported that our auditor, Herbert White, found the books satisfactory. The auditor and the treasurer suggest the following rules for the Meeting's accounts.

1. A check or receipt for every expense entry.
2. A Receipt stub and a duplicate deposit slip for every income entry
3. A formal audit at the end of each fiscal year.

The Refugee Committee reported that our Committee is cooperating with the Christian Refugee Committee of Hartford. The present state of several individuals was given.

George Halford attended the Meeting at Springfield on April 5th, at which Margaret Jones spoke, telling of the work of the A.F.S.C. It is hoped that another Springfield Meeting will be held within a month and that we will be notified.

The Overseers submitted a revised statement for our record book. Members wish the matter to

Suggested statement of purpose.

Through united devotion to God and in cooperation in any service to which we may be guided, we join one another to form the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. We purpose to live in friendliness with one another, and with all men. Trusting in Divine leadership, we seek mutual encouragement that we may walk courageously in the light.

(To be discussed at the May, 1941, business meeting)

be considered further. A copy will be put in the News Bulletin.

The Peace Committee reported that there are ten conscienteous objectors in this area that are not Seminary students.

The treasurer reported that he had received $268.50 so far this year. $151.65 has been spent leaving a balance of $116.85. The budget calls for $123.00, but we will need $65 or $70 to complete that which we have undertaken. The Meeting approved the expenditure of an amount up to $15.00 for traveling expenses for Supper Meeting Speakers. A concern was expressed over our financial situation. As several members of the Meeting have not contributed to the Meeting, it was suggested that a brief financial statement appear in the News Bulletin; also that the treasurer present our financial situation at Supper Meeting from time to time.

A letter was read from Adalyn F. Purdy asking that our Meeting oversee her marriage to Edmund Jones of Swarthmore, Penna. The Meeting is pleased with this request. It was the wish of the meeting that the clerk name a committee of two women and two men to satisfy the Meeting that no obstructions are present, and to report at the May Monthly meeting. Moses and Mattie Bailey and Herbert and Cassandra White were appointed on the committee.

An invitation was received to attend Westerly Quarterly Meeting at Westerly R.I. on April 19th. Several friends plan to attend the Quarterly Meeting.

Dr. Nelson Burr, in charge of the Historical Records Survey will speak to us at our supper meeting, April 24th about the History of Friends in Connecticut.

The matter of a storage place for our books was mentioned. The Seminary Library or a book case of our own was considered.

The meeting expressed the wish that the nominating Committee consider the work of the offices, to see if any need to be supplemented.

Rachel Mason sent the request ~~that~~ someone supplement her as Recording Clerk. Bertha Otis was asked to do this.

After a period of devotion the meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth - clerk

Bertha F. Otis Recording Clerk for the day

May 8, 1941

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular Business Meeting on May 8th, following the regular Meeting for Worship.

It was reported that shelves in the adjoining room are available for our use, for our books. Edith Clapp was asked to index our books and to place a pad and pencil with them to be used by the borrowers.

The Committee on the Purdy-Jones marriage reported that everything was satisfactory. The same committee was asked to serve for the purposes of the wedding. The Meeting appointed the following day and time: the wedding will be held at Mackenzie Hall on Saturday, June 14th, 1941 at 3:00 P.M. All Members of the Meeting are requested to attend.

In regard to the Statement of Purpose for our Record Book, the Meeting decided to wait until Fall before completing the Statement.

The Treasurer reported that we have a balance of $120.35 and that all pledges are paid. The prospective expenditures are about $100.

The Connecticut Valley Association of Friends will meet at the Seminary on May 10th. Paul Butterworth and Alexander Purdy were named to meet with the Steering Committee of that group as representatives from our Meeting. Cassandra and Herbert White and George Halford will serve as alternates. Henry Cadbury and James Mullen will be with us from the American Friends Service Committee.

After a devotional period, the Meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Recording Clerk for the Day

The regular monthly meeting of Hartford Friends was held in Hartranft Hall on twelfth day, sixth month, 1941, following the meeting for worship. George Halford was presiding clerk. Fern Stowe read the minutes of the last meeting.

The treasurer was concerned that the Meeting advise him regarding several sums given him for special phases of Friends' work. Although a few individuals had contributed, should the money be sent in the name of the Meeting as the contributors wished? The Meeting approved the expenditure of funds in its name which have been received for the following specific purposes:

Conn. Valley Association	$15.00
(To be added to $10 provided in the budget)	
Peace Caravans	25.00
Work camp in Mexico	5.00
Work camp at North Ware	5.30

Friends expressed dissatisfaction with the term "peace caravan;" under the present arrangment, it is a misnomer. Since this work is under the direction of the Student Peace Service, someone suggested the name Summer Peace Service would be more accurate. It was suggested this change be recommended to the American Friends Service Committee, but no action was taken by the Meeting.

Concerning the fund for conscientious objectors which the Conn. Valley Assoc. agreed to raise, it was reported that, to date, $551.25 in cash had come from the three meetings. Since the minimum goal was $420 in pledges by July 1, the Meeting was heartened by this progress. Our own Meeting has paid $150 in cash and has outstanding pledges of $60. The Meeting approved sending to the Conn. Valley Assoc. whatever sums come to it as our share in the fund.

George Halford expressed the desire to encourage inter-meeting visitation and attendance at conferences, that members might share in the experiences of Friends and gain fresh inspiration from them. With this in mind, he contributed $30 to the Meeting for travel expenses. It was the will of the Meeting that he himself be reimbursed for his trip to Philadelphia.

The meeting approved the use of refugee funds to pay for a package sent to a refugee in England.

From a report of the peace committee, it was evident that many people (including C.O.'s who are not Friends) do not realize that it is possible to be accepted for C.P.S. even though the individual lacks funds. The historic peace churches have pledged themselves to find funds for those classified in IV E.

Since most members of the Meeting are away during the summer, the question arose as to where our minute book should be placed. Concern was expressed that it be safely housed. The Meeting approved placing it in the safe at Weslyan.

The sewing committee reported that members have agreed to meet as it is possible during the summer months. With such need for clothing, the group feels it should not cease work entirely.

During July and August, no regular business meetings will be held. The Meeting approved holding our next regular meeting for business in September, at the call of the clerk.

The meeting closed in silent meditation.

George Halford, presiding clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, recording clerk for the day

Whereas, Edmund Jones of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, son of Henry Walter Jones and Margaret Witmer Jones and Adalyn Frances Purdy of Hartford, Connecticut, daughter of Alexander Converse Purdy and Jeannette Hadley Purdy, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before the Friends Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut according to the good order used in the Religious Society of Friends and having the consent of their parents, their proposed marriage was allowed by that Meeting.

Now these are to certify that for the accomplishment of their intentions this fourteenth day of the sixth month in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty one; they, the said Edmund Jones and Adalyn Frances Purdy appeared in an appointed meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held in Hartford, Connecticut; and Edmund Jones, taking Adalyn Frances Purdy by the hand did openly declare that he took her to be his wife, promising, with Divine assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband as long as they both should live; and then in the same assembly Adalyn Frances Purdy did in like manner declare that she took him, Edmund Jones, to be her husband, promising, with Divine assistance, to be unto him a loving and faithful wife as long as they both should live.

And in further confirmation thereof, they, the said Edmund Jones and Adalyn Frances Purdy (she, according to the custom of marriage adopting the surname of her husband) did then and there to these presents set their hands.

Adalyn Purdy Jones

Edmund Jones

And we, having been present at the solemnization of their marriage, set our hands hereto as witnesses the day and year above written.

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for its annual business session in Hartranft Hall on nineth day, tenth month, 1941, following the meeting for worship. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

A detailed report of income and expenses for the past year was submitted for the treasurer, showing a favorable balance in the three funds handled. With this report, the treasurer and the finance committee submitted a budget of $375 for the Meeting's general fund for the coming year. (For details, see the treasurer's report on page 44 A-B) After careful consideration, the Meeting accepted the budget as the minimum which might be expected of it. Concern was expressed that we try to contribute more to some items, such as the Fellowship Council; it was hoped we might do more than the minimum approved. As auditor, Herbert White had found the books of the treasurer correct.

The Meeting expressed deep appreciation for the hard work, cheerfully done, by the treasurer and the auditor. Since Thomas R. Bodine will be leaving this Meeting to prepare for work in France, the corresponding clerk was asked to convey to him our thanks for the untiring service he has rendered. As treasurer, chairman of the refugee committee, and an active member of the peace committee, he has carried the spirit of worship into work.

The overseers asked that their report be delayed until a later meeting.

For the peace committee, Robert Walker reviewed the present status of those C.O.'s belonging to or attending our Meeting:

Thomas R. Bodine---Classified IV E, leaves soon either for CPS or AFSC work in southern France.
Robert Walker---has filed affidavit for conscientious objection with local board, but is not yet classified.
Bernard Wojan---same as Robert Walker.
Henry Colby----case on appeal from local board's adverse decision. FBI now investigating.
Frank Wittko---case on appeal for several months; now classified I H, or over 28 and not liable for service.
Michael Jamir---classified IVE, left Oct. 8 for CPS camp, Royalston, Mass.

It was reported that the AFSC asked our help in assisting financially a Rogerine Quaker in CPS camp. Since the Conn. Valley Assoc. gives to the general fund of the service committee, it was felt the matter could be referred to that general fund. Since concern was expressed during the budget discussion that our Meeting give generously to the fund for CPS, the Meeting asked the peace committee to assume responsibility for raising money. Word from the AFSC and reports at the Deerfield meeting showed the great need for funds immediately, if this experiment in democractic living is to go on.

Our representatives to the Conn. Valley Assoc. reported that plans for the meeting on May 10 are being discussed. Possible speakers are Rufus Jones, Nelson Burr, and Elbert Russell (chairman of the Fellowship Council). Serving tea at the close of the session was approved, provided a place is available.

The nominating committee submitted a list of clerks and committees for the coming fiscal year. The naming of committee members was questioned, and the Meeting agreed that such nominations be held open until the next meeting. The following clerks and committee chairmen were approved:

Overseers: Moses Bailey
Clerks: Paul Butterworth, George Halford, assistant
Corresponding Clerk: Alice E. Jorgensen
Recording clerk: Fern Stowe

Treasurer: Thomas Harvey
Auditor: Herbert White
Nominating committee: Herbert White
Program committee: Alexander Purdy
News letter editor: Marguerite Marsh
Hospitality committee: Mabel Bailey
Service committee (Refugee's, projects of the AFSC): Rachel Nason
Peace committee: Cornelius Kruse, Robert Walker
Sewing committee: Edna Mallon
Finance committee: Thomas Harvey
Queries committee: Alexander Purdy
Education committee: Ethel Halford
Conn. Valley Assoc. representatives: Clerk, assistant clerk, chairman of the program committee

The refugee committee reported the progress made in cases especially concerning the Meeting. Kurt Weinburg has been accepted as interim teacher at George School. With a N.Y. state doctor's license, Dr. Bruell is considering taking advantage of a reciprocal law which would make it possible for him to practice in South Dakota. The Lob's have been thwarted once again in their effort to leave Germany, but have not despaired. In all, there are seventeen refugee cases on the Meeting's active list.

Our clerk expressed concern that the Meeting continue to show interest in the old Meeting House Grounds. At the moment it is impractical to consider erecting a building, but he suggested that we might consider putting the land to some good use next summer. For example, garden plots might be cultivated by needy families, or the space might be used as a recreation center. The Meeting asked Paul Butterworth and Thomas Harvey to act as a committee to investigate the matter and report to us. Others who are interested may join the committee. After mention was made of the fact that there is a fund in Philadelphia to help restore meeting houses, it was suggested the committee find out about it.

Disturbed by the action of the British government in restraining Muriel Lester's freedom to speak in the Western Hemisphere, George Halford asked that the meeting write a protest to the British ambassador. It was suggested that a similar letter be sent to our own state department, since it has shown a disposition to aid such British action by refusing to extend visas to those disagreeing with Great Britain's war policy . The corresponding clerk was asked to write both the ambassador and the state department.

An invitation was read to attend the Westerly Quarterly Meeting in Providence on Oct. 18. The meeting will be held in the North Main Street Meeting House, and the meeting for worship will begin at eleven a.m.

The questionaire sent out regarding the most convenient time for the mid-weekly meeting showed that a slight majority preferred Thursday.

The meeting closed in a period of silent meditation.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe
Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

INCOME AND EXPENSES
10/1/40 THROUGH 10/1/41

MEETING'S GENERAL FUND

INCOME:	BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	$ 26.50
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS	308.30
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ATTENDERS AND FRIENDS	93.85
	TOTAL INCOME	$ 428.65
EXPENSES:	(SEE BUDGET FOR DETAILS)	$ 315.96
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR	$ 112.69

CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE (C.O. FUND)

INCOME:	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE MEETING	$ 161.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ATTENDERS AND FRIENDS	21.00
	TOTAL INCOME	$ 182.00
EXPENSES:	(CONTRIBUTION SENT THROUGH CONNECTICUT VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS TO CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA)	$ 150.00
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR	$ 32.00

REFUGEE COMMITTEE FUND

INCOME:	APPROPRIATION FROM MEETING'S GENERAL FUND	$ 40.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE MEETING	370.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ATTENDERS AND FRIENDS	1588.00
	TOTAL INCOME	$1998.00
EXPENSES:		$1891.05
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR	$ 106.95

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HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

GENERAL FUND

BUDGET AND EXPENSES

	LAST YEAR'S BUDGET (1940–1941)	LAST YEAR'S EXPENSES (1940–1941)	THIS YEAR'S BUDGET 10/1/41 – 10/1/42
RENT	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 75.00
JANITOR AND NIGHT WATCHMAN			10.00
QUAKER LANE MEETING HOUSE GROUNDS			15.00
SUPPER MEETING SPEAKERS		43.00	50.00
DELEGATES TO CONFERENCES	15.00	30.00	25.00
SECRETARIAL EXPENSES	20.00	26.19	30.00
LITERATURE	10.00		10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	15.00	.45	5.00
CONTRIBUTIONS			
REFUGEE COMMITTEE	40.00	40.00	50.00
SEWING COMMITTEE		15.32	20.00
PEACE COMMITTEE		5.00	5.00
FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL	25.00	25.00	25.00
CONN. VALLEY ASSOC. OF FRIENDS	10.00	25.00	25.00
AMER. FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE	15.00	15.00	25.00
WOMEN'S CHURCH UNION		1.00	5.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
SCHOLARSHIP		10.00	
MEXICAN RECONSTRUCTION WORK		5.00	
SUMMER STUDENT PEACE SERVICE		25.00	
TOTAL	$ 200.00	$ 315.96	$ 375.00

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them to be correct with a balance in his hands as of October 1st. of $251.94

G. Herbert White
Auditor

(Submitted to annual business meeting, Oct. 9, 1941.)

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Clerks and Committees
for
Fiscal Year Ending Tenth Month, 1942

Overseers – Moses Bailey, (Chairman)
Cassandra White, Robert Walker, Rachel Nason

Clerks – Paul Butterworth, George Halford, Assistant

Corresponding Clerk – Alice E. Jorgensen

Recording Clerk – Fern Stowe

Treasurer – Thomas P. Harvey, 349 Steele Road, West Hartford,

Auditor – G. Herbert White

Nominating Committee – G. Herbert White, Chairman
Mabel Bailey, Edith Clapp

Connecticut Valley Association of Friends: – Clerk; Assistant Clerk;
Hartford Meeting Representatives Chairman, Program Committee

Program Committee – Alexander Purdy, Chairman
Cassandra White, Marguerite C. Marsh, Paul Swett

News Letter and Publicity – Marguerite Crespi Marsh, Ethel Halford

Hospitality Committee – Mabel Bailey, Chairman
Moses Bailey, Edith Clapp, Alice E. Jorgensen

Service Committee (Refugees, Projects of the American Friends Committee, etc.) – Rachel Nason, Chairman
Elizabeth T. Butterworth, Edith Clapp, Ethel and George Halford, Margaret Morrison, Paul and Anne Swett, Marguerite C. Marsh

Peace Committee – Cornelius Kruse, Chairman; Robert Walker, Co-Chairman,
Alexander Purdy, Fern Stowe, Bernard Wojan

Sewing Committee – Edna Mallon, Chairman; Ruth Kirk

Finance Committee – Thomas P. Harvey, Chairman; Minturn Wright

Queries Committee – Alexander Purdy, Chairman; Moses Bailey

Education Committee – Ethel Halford, Chairman;
Florence and William Greene, Jeanette Purdy,
Mrs. Minturn Wright

The Clerk of the Meeting is Ex-Officio member of all Committees.

The regular business session of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held on thirteenth day, eleventh month, 1941, after the meeting for worship. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and corrections noted. Alice Jorgensen is to be designated as corresponding clerk and recorder for the Meeting. Since the membership of committees was left open at the last meeting, individuals were given an opportunity to join them. Laura Polley's name was added to the refugee committee. It was suggested that the names of attenders be added to committees, to give them a sense of really belonging. The Meeting approved, and decided to have a note in the News Letter inviting attenders to serve on any committee in which they are interested.

The treasurer reported a balance of $108 in the general fund, $120 in the Bodine fund. Following his report, the treasurer expressed concern that he be instructed as to what to do with money received, undesignated as to its purpose. The Meeting united in deciding that any money not specifically allocated to a fund go into the general treasury. Discussion followed regarding who should have the right to ask for the withdrawal of special funds. It was agreed that the chairman of the committee concerned may ask for money from special funds as they are needed. In the case of the C.O. fund, Paul Butterworth may withdraw money.

To make clear the existance of the Bodine fund, the facts were reviewed. Service abroad costs $50 per month more than work in a CPS camp. On Oct. 15, Rachel Nason and Paul Butterworth took responsibility for assuring the AFSC that our Meeting would see that this additional amount, or $600 a year, was forthcoming. The Meeting expressed unity in assuming responsibility for raising money to allow Tom Bodine to serve abroad, Rachel Nason and Paul Butterworth were named to raise funds. The treasurer was instructed to send $50 each month to the AFSC from the Bodine Fund.

Since there are four funds handled by the Meeting and since appeals will go out for each one, concern was expressed that someone supervise these appeals and that care be taken in sending such letters to non-Friends. It was felt, too, that the appeal for our general budget should preceed or accompany others, to avoid misunderstanding. Discussion revealed the feeling that the Finance Committee, which would logically look after the matter, needed to be enlarged. The Meeting approved increasing the finance committee to include the clerk and the chairmen of money-raising committees to decide on the best way in which to send out appeals. This committee will have authority to ask for funds in the name of the Meeting. Since some of the appeals need to go out immediately, the committee agreed to meet briefly after this meeting. (See page 46 F-I)

The two minutes approved at a special meeting on Oct. 30, empowering the treasurer to withdraw funds from the bank, were ratified. (See page 46 A-B)

For the overseers, Rachel Nason read a statement to be considered for the membership book. That each individual might give the statement the careful thought necessary, it was decided to print it in the News Letter and to discuss it at the December business meeting. (See page 46E)

The refugee committee reported that the Loeb's are in a desperate situation; our committee has asked the AFSC to send their representative in Germany to see them. Dr. Bruell may have a position in N.J. Kurt Weinburg has received a scholarship to study at the University of Penn.

In the report of the peace committee, the needs of the CPS camps in New England were listed. It was suggested that speakers go to church groups to explain the work of CPS. Henry Colby, whose case has been delayed so long, faces trial in Boston within a few days. George White, Jr. has been classified in II B---an occupational deferment. Paul Butterworth reported forwarding $244 for CPS from the Conn. Valley Association; $71 of this amount was from our Meeting.

Instead of having supper meetings on the fourth Thursday of November and of Dec., there will be a meeting in Hartford on Saturday, Dec. 6. This will be a conference, held in the afternoon and evening, to confer on greater unity among New England Friends.

The supper meeting will be held at the Ann Street YWCA. Lesslie Schaeffer of the Fellowship Council will speak. Out of town visitors who can stay overnight will entertained by Hartford Friends.

The sewing committee reported that sixteen children's garments were packed t send to West Virginia. Now the group is working on aprons for Bertha Otis' kitche staff at the CPS camp in N.C.

The education committee raised the question as to whether it should program something following the worship periods on the free Thursdays. Due to the pressure of other business, it was agreed to discuss this more fully at a later meeting.

The hospitality committee has been hunting a permanent place for supper meetings, but had not definite report.

When the revised list of members and attenders is ready, the Meeting agreed to have it distributed to all members. Laura Polley offered to do the mimeographing, and the Meeting gratefully accepted her services. Alice Jorgensen will help her.

On Dec. 11, William Sollman is to speak at Northampton. Members of our Meeting who can attend will be welcome.

The corresponding clerk reported that she wrote the letters requested by the Meeting in October, and had received replies. Since the answer from the British embassy was so full and of such historic value, it was felt it should be kept in the minute book. (46K)

Concern was expressed that our business not be hurried. It was decided to hold an adjourned business meeting for new concerns on November 27.

A period of silent worship closed the meeting.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe
Fern Stowe, Recording Clerk

The adjourned business meeting was held Nov. 27, after the meeting for worship. Although the following problems were discussed, no formal action was taken. It was suggested that these things be brought up again at our regular business meeting.

The illness of one of our attenders revealed a lack in our Meeting. There is no way provided for knowing of the illness of members, or of helping those of our group in any special need. For the present, it was felt that we could learn of illness through the help of seminary students who visit the hospitals.

Since Edna Mallen is moving to Cleveland, it was suggested that the corresponding clerk be asked to recommend her to the Meeting there.

A revised draft of the letter to be sent out for the Peace Committee, appealing for CPS funds, was submitted to the group for criticisms and suggestions. With the help of the group, it was completed.

At our last meeting, some Friends expressed concern that we do something to show a greater interest in the visitors who come in increasing numbers to our meetings. It was proposed that the Meeting use some of the book fund to buy pamphlets to give freely to attenders. Such pamphlets would explain the Friends' method of worship.

Again the matter of having discussion periods was brought up. This time it was suggested that we might have someone to speak on different phases of Friends' principals following Sunday Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe
Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

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HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

At a regular meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held on Thursday, October 30, 1941, the following Minute was adopted:

> The Treasurer of the Meeting is hereby authorized to establish with any National or State Bank of Hartford, Connecticut a checking account in the name of "Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends." During the term of office for which they are elected, and until their successors are elected, the Treasurer of the Meeting, or in the alternative, the Clerk of the Meeting, is authorized to deposit and withdraw the funds of the Meeting in and from such account.
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> Checks drawn on the funds shall be signed:
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> "Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
> By.................................
> Treasurer "
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> or
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> "By.................................
> Clerk "
>
> as the case may be.

Fern Elizabeth Stowe
Recording Clerk for the Meeting

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

At the annual business meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Hartford on the 9th day of October, 1941, Paul Butterworth was elected Clerk of the Meeting and Thomas P. Harvey was elected Treasurer of the Meeting. Said Officers were elected to serve during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1941 and until their successors are elected.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, October 30, 1941

Fern Elizabeth Stowe
Recording Clerk for the Meeting

George Holford
Assistant Clerk of the Meeting

Proposed statement of purpose, to be considered at the business meeting on December 11, 1941

"Trusting in the guidance of the ever-living and indwelling Christ who has through the years revealed himself in prophet and saint and religious community, we establish the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. We accept the responsibility of regularity in worship and in the conduct of business, to the end that our individual lives may be purified and our corporate witness to the truth strengthened. Confident in the unity of our motive, we purpose ~~to~~ in mutual forbearance to allow no differences of policy or outward expression to divide us from one another, or to bring the truth into disrepute among our fellow-men. We pray that our association may be a source of strength to all who now or at any future time share in its life, and that the Inner Light which shines in the individual may by our united meeting enlighten the path of many."

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December 2, 1941

To Friends of Hartford Monthly Meeting:

The financial support of our Meeting last year was shared widely among our Members and Attenders and we hope the same generous cooperation will carry us through this year. The enclosed statement of our proposed budget represents minimum expenditures only; we would like to increase our contributions to such good causes as the Service Committee, Fellowship Council and Refugee Relief. The amount set, however, will meet our essential obligations and should not be an undue burden if we each give what we can.

In general, the items are similar to those in the 1940 budget and are familiar to us. We have added a little for the care and development of the old Friends ground on South Quaker Lane, and have increased our gift to the Seminary in appreciation of our Meeting room. At our November business session the Meeting decided to undertake $50 a month support for Thomas Bodine as a part of our Meeting activities and this item therefore appears with the Meeting budget. You may know that Tom is now at Pendle Hill training for work abroad, probably with refugees in France or Lisbon, under the American Friends Service Committee. He can carry a part of his expenses himself and we are underwriting the rest. Some contributors outside the Meeting are helping but we are far from completing the amount. Please earmark gifts to be used for the support of Tom Bodine rather than for the general work of the Meeting, as we wish to account for them separately on the books.

The needs of the Civilian Public Service Camps are also pressing and demand our earnest effort. We enclose a separate letter detailing these and ask you to consider them along with the Meeting budget. You may be able to share this appeal with non-friends who are sympathetic with the C.O. position; let us know if you wish further copies. Gifts for this purpose, too, should be earmarked, and if given through the Meeting, will be exempt for income-tax purposes.

We rejoice in the strength added to our Meeting through the past year and we are grateful to all who are assisting in this growth in usefulness.

On behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Thomas P. Harvey, Treasurer

Rachel C. Nason, Chairman Refugee Committee

Cornelius Kruse' Co-Chairmen Peace Committee
Robert B. Walker

Make checks payable to "Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends"
and send to
Thomas P. Harvey, 349 Steele Road, West Hartford, Conn.

CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPS

That the conscientious objector in the United States is valued as a creative volunteer in the protection of human freedoms is due largely to the leadership of the American Friends Service Committee. At widely scattered points throughout the nation today, Friends are directing Civilian Public Service Camps where young men may do "creative pioneering" as they carry on work of national importance without scruple and in guided cooperation. This is a far cry from the prison cells and persecution campaigns of the last war, and indicates great gain in community tolerance as well as Quaker initiative.

The price, however, is great. To assure freedom of action as well as to test the conviction of the men assigned to these camps by draft boards, the men want to pay their own way. The government has made available camp sites, buildings, and some materials. It provides no pay and no support. It is hoped each individual can pay the $35 a month maintenance cost. Many can, in whole or in part. Many cannot, and for these the A.F.S.C. is seeking immediate help.

The camps need $40,000. before the close of this year if they are to be maintained under Friendly guidance. The Meetings throughout the United States are asked to secure it. For the coming year, $150,000 will be needed. These sums are great, but they represent a sacrifice little greater than that of families with boys in the army. If we believe in freedom of opinion, this is a most effective place to demonstrate our conviction.

People often ask whether the government should not undertake the support. Friends feel it should not. General Hershey, too, has been outspoken in declaring that camps under religious leadership are especially valuable. Many of the campers could cooperate less happily in government run camps; indeed, they might feel that prison was the only conscientious alternative. Directors, now free to lead educational and spiritual service, would find it more difficult under government management. While it is the pride of the conscientious objector to demonstrate his willingness to sacrifice more than those in the conventional military services, it is ours to share in that sacrifice.

We therefore appeal to you for contributions. They may be channeled through our meeting treasurer, properly designated for C.P.S., and will be forwarded to the A.F.S.C. Such gifts are exempt from income taxation. The spirit with which the gift is made is more important than its size. To some, the present chaos has meant a reassessing of values and a hope that their contribution, be it large or small, might act as the finger of the boy who saved the dyke. Many dykes are failing in these days, but those that remain standing will be a great service to mankind when peace does come at last.

Make checks payable to:

Thomas P. Harvey, Treasurer
Civilian Public Service Fund
349 Steel Road,
West Hartford, Connecticut

PEACE COMMITTEE OF HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

BUDGET AND EXPENSES

Item	Last Year's Budget (1940-1941)	Last Year's Expenses (1940-1941)	This Year's Budget 10/1/41-10/1/42
Rent	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 75.00
Janitor and Night watchman			10.00
Quaker Lane Meeting House Grounds			15.00
Supper Meeting Speakers		43.00	50.00
Delegates to Conferences	15.00	30.00	25.00
Secretarial Expenses	20.00	26.19	30.00
Literature	10.00		10.00
Miscellaneous	15.00	.45	5.00
Contributions			
Refugee Committee	40.00	40.00	50.00
Sewing Committee		15.32	20.00
Peace Committee		5.00	5.00
Fellowship Council	25.00	25.00	25.00
Conn. Valley Assoc. of Friends	10.00	25.00	25.00
Amer. Friends Service Committee	15.00	15.00	25.00
Women's Church Union		1.00	5.00
Special Projects			
Scholarship		10.00	
Mexican Reconstruction work		5.00	
Summer Student Peace service		25.00	
Total	$ 200.00	$ 315.96	$ 375.00

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS: INCOME AND EXPENSES 10/1/40 through 10/1/41

MEETING'S GENERAL FUND

Income	Balance from previous year		$ 26.50
	Contributions:	Members	308.30
		Attenders and Friends	93.85
	Total income		$ 428.65
Expenses	(See Budget for details)		$ 315.96
	Balance carried forward to next year		$ 112.69

CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE (C.O. FUND)

Income	Contributions:	Members of the Meeting	$ 161.00
		Attenders and Friends	21.00
	Total Income		$ 182.00
Expenses	(sent through Connecticut Valley Association of Friends to Civilian Public Service, Philadelphia)		$ 150.00
	Balance carried forward to next year		$ 32.00

REFUGEE COMMITTEE FUND

Income	Appropriation from Meeting's General Fund		$ 40.00
	Contributions:	Members of the Meeting	370.00
		Attenders and Friends	1,588.00
	Total Income		$ 1,998.00
Expenses			1,891.05
	Balance carried forward to next year		$ 106.95

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State,
The State Department,
Washington, D. C.

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, meeting Tenth Month Ninth, 1941, protests the detention of Muriel Lester in Trinidad, preventing her from keeping speaking engagements in this country, and her consequent deportation to England.

Muriel Lester has been an outstanding representative of the finest spiritual qualities of human nature, and it is extremely unfortunate that she should now be denied freedom of speech and religion.

For the Meeting
Alice E. Jorgensen
Corresponding Clerk

Copy of letters sent to
U.S. Sec. of State Hull and
British Ambassador.

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LL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED TO
SECRETARY,
BRITISH EMBASSY,
AND NOT TO INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.

October 30th, 1941.

Dear Madam,

The Ambassador has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date concerning Miss Muriel Lester.

His Majesty's Government regret that after careful examination they have not found it possible to give Miss Lester an exit permit to leave British territory for the purpose of giving a series of lectures in this country. Existing regulations provide for the refusal of such permits in cases where it is clear that no benefit to Great Britain's war effort will result from the presence abroad of the persons concerned or when it is felt that they could be more usefully employed at home.

I feel bound to explain that among the remarks attributed to Miss Lester in previous speaking engagements in the United States and South America are statements that Britain was responsible for the sufferings of German women and children, that workers should not cooperate in the industrial efforts of nations at war, that Britain was responsible for the war, that Britain's hands were reeking with Chinese blood and that Hitler had offered peace to keep the wheels of industry going but that Britain had refused. These remarks are liable to be, and have in fact already been, exploited by German propaganda, and it is clear that Miss Lester's activities abroad are more likely to hinder than advance Great Britain's war effort.

/ On

Miss Alice E. Jorgensen,
380 Blue Hills Avenue,
Hartford, Conn.

On the other hand, many persons of similar religious beliefs to those of Miss Lester are engaged in active social work in Great Britain which is of much value, and Miss Lester herself could presumably find ample scope in such directions if she were to return to the United Kingdom.

Great Britain is at present engaged in a life and death struggle against a deadly and unscrupulous foe. While this struggle lasts the British people in general have agreed to the curtailment of the exercise of a certain number of civil liberties. The right of free speech, however, has not been suspended. It exists in full in Great Britain, subject to the necessity of preventing assistance to the enemy's war effort. Subject to this qualification, Miss Lester will therefore be able to express her convictions in Great Britain, and if she so desires to communicate freely with her friends in the United States.

Yours very truly,

W.G.Hayter,
Secretary.

The regular business meeting of Hartford Friends was held eleventh day, twelfth month, 1941 after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections noted.

The treasurer reported the following amounts in Meeting funds: General fund, $228.58; Bodine fund, $168.00; Refugee fund, $76.00; CPS fund, $48.00. It was reported that the Conn. Valley Assoc. has contributed nearly $1700 to CPS. Our Meeting has given around $300 of this amount.

The refugee committee expressed appreciation of the great help given them by Congressman Koppleman and his secretary in the Loeb case. Although the declaration of war has stopped their work on the case, the committee wished the Meeting to know of the assistance rendered them through Mr. Koppleman. The committee asked the Meeting to use its general fund to repay the $183 the ASFC paid out for Kurt Weinberg's passage. Discussion revealed some difference of opinion as to whether our first responsibility were for this debt or to the CPS fund. Unity was reached in the decision to have the overseers with the finance committee decide on which committee needs the money most and to allocate it before the next business meeting.

The program committee asked that the minutes record the change of speaker at the conference: Rufus Jones spoke to an open meeting of some three hundred people. For future supper meetings, the following speakers were announced:

January 22	Cornelius Kruse
February 26	Anna Brinton
March 26	Paul Swett

A report on the conference was made. The need for the Meeting as a whole to learn more of the Yearly Meeting problem was pointed out. Thanks were expressed to those who were responsible for the conference for the work done. A suggestion to send Rufus Jones $10.00 toward his traveling expenses was approved. The corresponding clerk was asked to write a letter to Christ Church, thanking them for the use of their building and asking if we might pay for any expense involved.

The clerk reported a visit by Edward and Ruth Miller to Hartford. They are investigating the possibility of a work camp among the tobacco workers in Windsor.

A letter from Henry Colby reported that his case had been presented to the judge but that no decision had been given. He felt he might be classified as a C.O.

Marguerite Marsh asked for instructions in regard to the News Letter: should it include information on special appeals? The Meeting felt that it should.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording clerk

The regular business meeting of Hartford Friends was held first month, fifteenth day, 1942, in Hartranft Hall, after the meeting for worship.

The program committee reported that the Guilford College Choir will be in this vicinity on April 2. This offers our Meeting an opportunity to sponsor a fine musical program, and to vary the program of our open meetings. Mr. Carey of the First Methodist Church has offered the free use of the church auditorium and the kitchen for the meeting. Overnight entertainment of the choir members will be necessary. The program committee recommended that the Meeting give the Guilford Choir fifteen dollars, and that a place be provided in the auditorium for attenders to contribute a silver offering for the choir. After discussion, the meeting expressed unity with the suggestion. At the next supper meeting, January 22, Cornelius Kruse will be the speaker. Reservations should be in by January 20. It was reported that now the Seminary may be able to provide room for the Conn. Valley Meeting on May 10.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

For the treasurer, the following report as of January 5 was presented: General fund, receipts, $362.30; Bodine fund, receipts, $489.00 (outstanding pledges, $145); Refugee ", balance, $2.75; CPS fund,balance, $1.00.

There was brief discussion of the possible need of a fund to help other young men in our Meeting who may need financial aid soon, because of conscientious convictions. No action was taken. Since some people have dual membership, it was suggested that, in case of necessity, the other Meeting might be asked to help share the expense.

The refugee committee reported that the former balance in its fund was used to pay the AFSC. The committee hopes to recover around $700 from the Loeb case.

Kurt Weinberg has applied to the overseers for membership; it is under consideration. The overseers have examined possible pamphlets to use for the use of visitors.

Again the matter of after-meeting discussions was brought up. The feeling was expressed that an education program is the great need of our group. The education committe was asked to take charge, and to present a possible schedule for group approval. The committee wished guidance as to the kind of discussion needed. The Meeting, however, decided that specific suggestions should come from the committee first.

Correspondence was read by the clerk. A letter from Edwin C. & Helen White stated that they could not become members of this Meeting, since they have moved to another vicinity. Tom Bodine asked for a minute recommending him to the University Meeting of Seattle, Washington. He will be working with "enemy aliens" near there. The Meeting approved the sending of a minute. A letter from Bernard Walton brought news of a new Meeting at Weston, Conn. which meets on Sundays at the cottage of Henry & Estelle Fraad. The clerk was asked to write a letter of greeting to them.

The Meeting approved paying our share for the"Schedule of New England Meetings" sent by Henry Perry. All members will receive a copy of the list in the next news-letter.

David Swift of the AFSC and Paul Butterworth attended a meeting of the Agricultural Defense Committee in Hartford, at the suggestion of Edward Miller. The Defense Committee was anxious to have the help available from work campers, but proved uninterested in the sociological aspects of the problem. Since the AFSC and the Defense Committee's ideas are so far apart, it is probable that no work camps will be attempted under joint sponsorship.

The Meeting welcomed a suggestion to contribute to the Mile of Dimes, for it is likely that there will be many community appeals to which we can not conscientiously contribute. The treasurer was asked to send the equivalent of a dime per member.

It was suggested that the pamphlets be put out on the table during meetings, so that Friends will borrow more readily.

Since some members of the Meeting are concerned with the Negro problem, as individual it was proposed that they report such activity to the Meeting. This proposal was broadene in discussion, to include any other social-religious activity in which the Meeting would like to share, but in which participation is limited by our small membership. Such report couldbe included under the service committee. In addition, the program committee might change the emphasis of supper meetings to include speakers on various aspects of community problems.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording Clerk

SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN MEETINGS OF FRIENDS HELD IN NEW ENGLAND

1942

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Name	Place of Holding	Days Held	Hour	Name of Clerk	Address
Yearly Meeting	Meeting House, Elm St., Westerly, R. I.	10th Month 17-19th		Henry H. Perry	31 Milk St., Boston, Mass.

Quarterly Meetings

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, Mass.	1st Month, 7th Day, the 17th	*10.30 A.M.	Thyra J. Foster	1301 Centreville Road, West Warwick, R. I.
"	Place of Meeting to be announced	4th Month, 7th Day, the 18th	10.30 A.M.	"	"
"	Meeting House, State Road, Smith Mills, No. Dartmouth, Mass.	7th Month, 7th Day, the 18th	10.30 A.M.	"	"

* Held jointly with Salem Quarterly Meeting of Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Local Meetings for Worship

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	Meeting House, State Road, Smith Mills, No. Dartmouth, Mass.	First Day	11.00 A.M.	Harry S. Goodwin	267 State Road, No. Dartmouth, Mass.
Nantucket Monthly Meeting	Foster Farm, West Warwick, R. I.	First Day In summer months.	11.00 A.M.	Elizabeth Foster	West Warwick, R. I.
South Kingstown Monthly Meeting	Meeting House, Elm St., Westerly, R. I.	First Day	11.00 A.M.	Phebe F. Perry	4 Margin St., Westerly, R. I.

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND

Name	Place of Holding	Days Held	Hour	Name of Clerk	Address
Yearly Meeting	Ocean Park, Maine	Sixth Month, 23-28th		Arthur Jones	Winthrop, Maine

(For information as to subordinate meetings see printed minutes of Y. M. of F. for N. E.)

CONNECTICUT VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

Semi-Annual Meetings

Name	Place of Holding	Days Held	Hour	Name of Clerk	Address
Spring Meeting	To be announced	2d First Day of 5th Month		Daniel Test	Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass.
Fall Meeting	Place and Date to be announced			"	"

Meetings for Worship

Hartford Monthly Meeting	Hartranft Hall, Hartford Seminary, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, Conn.	First Day Fifth Day	11.00 A.M. 7.45 P.M.	Paul Butterworth	Sunset Farm, West Hartford, Conn.
New Haven Monthly Meeting	Dwight Hall, Yale University, High St. near Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.	First Day	9.45 A.M.	Dr. Walter R. Miles	211 St. Ronan St., New Haven, Conn.
Northampton United Friends Meeting	Smith College Chapel,* Northampton, Mass.	First Day	†10.30 A.M.	Eugene S. Wilson, Jr.	58 Woodside Ave., Amherst, Mass.

* Meetings held in summer at the Champney Studio, Sherwood, Greenfield, at 3.00 P. M. on First Days.

† Discussion group follows at 11.15.

OTHER INDEPENDENT MEETINGS

Name	Place of Holding	Days Held	Hour	Name of Clerk	Address
Friends Meeting at Cambridge	Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, Mass.	First Day	11.00 A.M.	Henry J. Cadbury	7 Buckingham Place, Cambridge, Mass.
Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting	Lincoln School, 301 Butler Ave., Providence, R. I.	First Day	11.00 A.M.	Henry C. Foster	1301 Centreville Road, West Warwick, R. I.

The monthly business meeting of Hartford Friends was held second month, nineteenth day, 1942, in Hartranft Hall, after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported that the program by the Guilford College Choir on April 2 will be under the joint auspices of the Hartford Seminary and of our Meeting. Its recommendation that the Meeting give $20.00 from the general fund was approved. There will be no supper meeting on April 2, Since this is the case, it was agreed to ask Paul Swett to speak to the meeting on April 23. At the next supper meeting, Feb. 26, Anna Brinton will speak. It was agreed to pay her $10.00 for expenses.

The overseers have considered Kurt Weinberg's application for membership. Since the Newtown Meeting in Penn. has accepted his membership and since he has been drafted into the U.S. army, our overseers are leaving the matter for the present. The clerk was asked to write congratulating him on his membership in Newtown Meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of $379.76 in the general fund, with unpaid budget items requiring $305. The Bodine fund is oversubscribed. The Refugee and CPS funds have a balance of $19. and $29.25 respectively. Since the largest churches pay no more than $5. 00, it was suggested that our pledge to the Woman's Church Union be reduced to $1.00. The meeting approved.

The editor of the Bulletin asked that committee chairmen report anything which should be included in the Bulletin. She suggested that such chairmen might well be an informal committee. Suggestions as to the make-up of the Bulletin were requested.

Recently the service committee met to consider, especially, ways of emphasizing phases of the work other than refugee. There was discussion as to how the committee might use the work of various individuals on the committee. It was decided to ask the program committee to have a supper meeting devoted to reports. The refugee committee has been negotiating to get back money on two passages paid. One has been returned; a large part of the money was loaned. With alien registration going on, the committee investigated the need for cooperating with local authorities. Only informal personal help proved necessary, to overcome the dread many aliens have of any contact with officials. We were told that citizens of Nazi occupied countries are no longer classed as "enemy aliens."

Correspondence included a letter telling of the presence in Hartford of Amy Auger of the Race Street Meeting. The corresponding clerk was asked to write her. The clerk read a letter from Seattle, welcoming Tom Bodine to the work there.

Since the West Hartford Congregational Church has been destroyed by fire, it was suggested that our Meeting contribute a token amount to the building fund as a gesture of friendliness and sympathy. The Meeting united in approving a contribution of $10.00.

An announcement was read of a meeting of the Middle Conn. Valley of Friends on Feb. 22 at South Hadley. George Selleck will speak at three P.M. and any who can go will be welcome. On March 14, there will be a conference of independent meetings at the Friends' Meeting House in Providence to consider the problem of closer unity among Friends in southern New England. There will be a panel discussion in the afternoon, and an inspirational speaker from the AFSC in the evening. The Conn. Valley Assoc. is to be allowed a delegate to the All-American Friends' Conference in Richmond in April. A member of our Meeting may go, with the approval of the other Conn. Valley Meetings. The clerk was asked to confer with them on this matter, and to choose delegates to the meeting. Since regional meetings are to follow the All-American Friends' Conference, a regional meeting on May 10 instead of a Conn. Valley meeting only has been suggested. The question of available space was raised. The Seminary could accomodate 100-150 for dinner. The Meeting approved having a regional conference of New England Friends.

It was reported that Philip Kelsey thinks he may be classed in I A. Friends expressed concern, and a desire to help, but no one present knew the situation well enough to suggest action. Moses Bailey was to be asked to get in touch with him.

A concern for enemy aliens was expressed, especially those on the West Coast. Discussion revealed the feeling that more light was needed before any decision could be reached.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording Clerk

The business meeting of Hartford Friends was held third month, twelfth day, 1942 in Hartranft Hall, after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A question was raised as to the fullness with which business is recorded. It was recommended that no full minute be made, unless a suggestion is acted upon.

The treasurer's report was read. A bill was submitted for work done at the Quaker Burial Ground. It was suggested that Paul Butterworth be reimbursed for this expense. The Meeting united in approval.

The program committee announced that Paul Swett has agreed to speak at the supper meeting on April 23. Since little publicity will be attempted for the Guilford Choir, Meeting members were urged to invite their friends to attend on April 2. The hospitalit committee will have charge of over-night entertainment for forty-eight people.

Since New England Friends as a whole will be unable to participate in a regional conference on May 10, the meeting will be for Friends in southern New England.

The refugee committee is attempting to secure an affidavit for the father of a refugee. Dr. Bruell has taken over a practice in N.Y. state.

Concerns of the North Hampton Meeting were read by the clerk.

Two recent publications of Friends, THE HANDBOOK OF FRIENDS and the PEACE HANDBOOK, were recommended for purchase by the Meeting. This was approved.

The suggestion was made that our Meeting offer Dr. Barstow our support of the work of the Church Committee for C.O.'s. It was especially recommended that the committee work to have Federal agencies consult the Church Committee before legal action is taken. The Meeting approved the appointment of Rachel Nason and Thomas Harvey to act for them in this matter.

The corresponding clerk was asked to query the AFSC regarding what this Meeting can do effectively to aid just treatment of "enemy aliens."

The meeting approved the suggestion that Dr. Albert Fleichmann speak to a group after Sunday Meeting, at some time convenient to him.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

The following is an introductory statement used by the General Conference Meetings in some of their books of Discipline. It seemed to some of the overseers worthy of consideration as a statement for our membership book, as an alternative to the original statement presented earlier in the year.

"The Religious Society of Freinds holds as the basis of its faith the belief that God endows every human being with a measure of His own Divine Spirit. He leaves no one without witness, but gives the light of his truth and presence to men of all classes and races.

"This manifestation of God in man was most fully exemplified in Jesus of Nazareth. The Divine Spirit became so wholly Jesus' own that His teaching, example, and sacrificial life are the complete revelation in humanity of the will of God.

"As within ourselves we become conscious of the same Spirit (the Inner light or Christ within), and as we submit ourselves to its leadings, we also are enabled to live in conformity to the will of our Heavenly Father. Love, the outworking of the Divine Spirit, is the most potent influence that can be applied to the affairs of men, and this appreciation of love to the whole of life the Society of Friends conceives to be the core of the Christian Gospel.

"The immanence of God implies the divine sonship and the brotherhood of all men. It implies the capacity in all to descern spiritual truth, and to hold direct communion with Him. No mediator, rite, or sacrament is a necessary condition of worship. All that is necessary is a seeking spirit on the part of the worshiper. Inspiration and guidance may be realized by meeting with others in worship where vision is made clearer by the common experience of those present.

"The Society of Friends has no formal creed. Each person must prayerfully seek individual guidance and must follow his own conception of God's leading. He will be helped by studying the developing interpretation of God in the Bible and especially by pondering the life and teachings of Jesus. All those who sincerely try to follow him in spirit and in truth, Friends welcome to their fellowship."

And this from George Fox (Epistles, 1698 edition, p. 290):

> The least member of the Church hath an office and is serviceable, and every member hath need one of another.

After the meeting for worship, the business meeting of Hartford Friends was held nineth day, fourth month, 1942, in Hartranft Hall.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

After the meeting for worship on April 19, Dr. Fleichman will speak from 11:45 - 12:30. It was suggested that this announcement be combined with the supper meeting notice.

A letter was read from William Raleigh, thanking the Meeting for the affidavit signed for his father. There was a letter from the AFSC on the "enemy alien" situation. A letter from the Chester Monthly Meeting told of the presence in Hartford of Harvey Holmes Lippincott.

The hospitality committee reported on plans for the May 10 meeting.

At the request of Alexander Purdy, the Meeting gladly agreed to present a statement of Thomas Purdy's membership to the Hartford Seminary, if it were requested.

For the final supper meeting, a picnic was suggested. The Purdy's invited the Meeting for a picnic on May 28.

Again the Meeting considered the statement to be placed in the membership book. Alexander Purdy read a revision of the statement under consideration, written from an historical standpoint. Unity was expressed with this approach. This revised statement is to be in the bulletin and to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

After the editorial in the NEW YORK TIMES on Lew Ayres was brought to the attention of the Meeting, it was decided to write a letter to the editor thanking him for his tolerant attitude.

There was renewed discussion as to possible action by our Meeting regarding "enemy aliens." It was the sense of the Meeting that we keep in touch with the situation through the AFSC.

Concern was expressed that the queries be discussed in the group, and that a regular time be established for discussing them. It was suggested that the time after Sunday Meeting be used for this purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording clerk

The regular monthly meeting of Hartford Friends was held fourteenth day, fifth month, 1942.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Since the last business meeting, an invitation from the Green's to have the picnic on May 28 at their home in West Hartford has been accepted. It was decided to charge forty cents for the picnic supper, to be provided by the hospitality committee.

The treasurer reported a visit from Guy Solt and Mary Mullins. They were concerned with the need of the AFSC for funds for the summer peace projects, and asked our Meeting to contribute $100. Discussion realed the feeling that we have a responsibility to CPS as well as the summer work. Due to the size of our Meeting, a large contribution to Summer Peace Service is not possible. The treasurer was asked to send $25.00 for summer work.

At the request of the AFSC, Dr. Barstow has accepted the responsibility of acting as National Director of Japanese-American Student Relocations. The clerks were instructed to write a minute to Dr. Barstow, encouraging and supporting him in his work.

The overseers recommended Virginia Costales for membership in our Meeting. The Meeting united in accepting the recommendation, and welcomed her to membership.

Communications were read by the clerk. A letter from Leslie Schaffer invited our Meeting to appoint a member to serve on the Fellowship Council. This matter is to be taken up in the fall.

From the sewing committee, it was learned that the AFSC has made a special appeal for clothing to go to France. The AFSC has been granted permission to send fifty tons of clothing through the blockade into unoccupied France. Our own committee has been meeting and has mailed finished articles to Philadelphia.

The clerk suggested that the pamphlet for visitors be discussed after the statement for the membership book is decided upon.

Following brief discussion, the Meeting expressed unity in adopting the statement as it was stated in the May Bulletin. (52 A)

The queries are to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Members reported briefly on the Conn. Valley Meeting, May 10. One hundred twelve registered, but more attended. Gratitude was expressed for the quality of the representatives' meeting. The Meeting thanked those who helped with the conference.

A question was raised regarding summer meetings. It is probable that Thursday evening meetings will continue. The matter was left for the clerk to arrange.

Since Robert Walker will be leaving for CPS camp, the Meeting asked the clerk to write him epressing our appreciation for his contribution to the group. He has been active as an overseer, and chairman of the peace committee.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

Suggested statement for the membership book, to be considered on May 14, '42

"The Society of Friends began as a revival of what the early Friends called Primitive Christianity. They accepted, in the main, the Christian doctrines and scriptures but they emphasized the spiritual and inward experience from which all doctrines and scriptures emanate. They believed that God Himself was their teacher and that "there is that of God in every man." Accordingly, they rejected creedal formulas as outward and sought to unite in the life of the Spirit issuing in common testimonies. We honor the various statements of faith, which, across the centuries, have been formulated by Friends, as indicating the direction which the way of Life we seek to manifest has taken in the past and is taking in the present. For us, Christianity is a religion of the Spirit, supremely exemplified in the life and teaching of Jesus. We believe that this same Spirit must find expression in our lives and relationships.

"It is with this purpose that we have organized the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. We accept the responsibility of regularity in worship and in the conduct of business. We purpose in mutual forbearance to allow no differences of policy or outward expression to divide us from one another, or to bring the truth into disrepute among our fellow-men. We pray that our association may be a source of strength to all who share its life, and that the Inner Light which shines in the individual may by our united Meeting enlighten the path of many."

(Approved at the regular monthly meeting held on May 14, 1942)

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The regular monthly meeting of Hartford Friends was held sixth month, eleventh day, 1942, in Hartranft Hall, following the Meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

The treasurer read a detailed report of the Meeting's financial standing.

The refugee committee reported they had had a meeting.

The sewing committee reported continued meetings and still wishes clothing to send to France.

The overseers presented a minute, recommending Joan Tompson Sullivan of Granby for membership. The Meeting accepted the recommendation. The corresponding clerk was asked to write welcoming her to membership in the Meeting.

The Meeting asked the corresponding clerk to send a letter to George Walton thanking him for his kindness to Kurt Weinburg.

It was decided that the First Day Meetings should be discontinued from June 21 to Sept. 13. The Thursday Meetings will continue until further notice.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

(The above minutes approved as action was taken)

A special business meeting was held July 9, 1942.

A letter from Joan Sullivan was read, requesting the Hartford Meeting of Friends to appoint a meeting for her marriage on August 29 to Albert . Linton, Jr.

The clerk received and read a communication from Richard R. Wood, clerk of the Chester Monthly Meeting of Friends N.J., stating the clearness of M. Albert Linton Jr. to proceed in marriage with Joan Thompson Sullivan, a member of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Meeting appointed Paul Swett and Cassandra White as a committee to look into Joan Sullivan's clearness to proceed in marriage to Albert M. Linton, Jr.

Bernard Wojan, Temporary recording cl

A special business meeting was held July 23, 1942, to consider the marriage of Joan Thompson Sullivan and M. Albert Linton, Jr. Cassandra White and Paul Swett reported there were no obstacles in the way of the marriage. It is to take place in the chapel of Hartranft Hall on Saturday, August 29, at four P. M. Cassandra and Herbert White, Ann and Paul Swett were appointed the committee for the marriage. The committee was given the authority to choose someone to read the marriage certificate, as well as to appoint a temporary clerk for the ceremony.

Thomas Harvey read articles of association of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends and asked the Meeting to authorize him to file them with the Secretary of State of Connecticut and the Town clerk of the town of Hartford. The articles are to be signed by the clerk, treasurer and one overseer. The Meeting granted the authority requested by Thomas Harvey.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said State, at Hartford, this twenty-fourth day of July A. D. 1942.

Chase Going Woodhouse
Secretary.

of the
HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

This Certificate is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Connecticut, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 195 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1930.

On April 21st 1940 in Hartranft Hall at the Hartford Theological Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, several persons of legal age who held individual memberships in various Meetings of the Society of Friends, held a meeting for the purpose of forming the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. Also present were two representatives of the Fellowship Council of the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia to lend their advice and assistance, and to give the new Meeting the sanction of the Philadelphia Committee.

A Clerk and other officers of the Meeting were chosen; the time and place of future regular meetings was decided; rules of membership and other rules were considered, and a Committee appointed to draft a statement of faith.

At a regular meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends duly warned, and held for the purpose on April 9, 1942, the following statement was read and considered, and ordered published in the bulletin of the Meeting for the month of May 1942:

> "The Society of Friends began as a revival of what the early Friends called Primitive Christianity. They accepted, in the main, the Christian doctrines and scriptures but they emphasized the spiritual and inward experience from which all doctrines and scriptures emanate. They believed that God Himself was their teacher and that 'there is that of God in every man.' Accordingly, they rejected creedal formulas as outward and sought to unite in the life of the Spirit issuing in common testimonies. We honor the various statements of faith, which across the centuries, have been formulated by Friends, as indicating the direction which the way of Life we seek to manifest has taken in the past and is taking in the present. For us, Christianity is a religion of the Spirit, supremely exemplified in the life and teaching of Jesus. We believe that this same Spirit must find expression in our lives and relationships.
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At a regular Meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends duly warned, and held for the purpose on May 14, 1942 the above quoted statement of faith was unanimously adopted.

We, the undersigned officers of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the records of the meetings described.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 23rd day of July, 1942.

Attest, Paul [illegible] Clerk

For the Overseers: Cassandra C. White

Thomas P Harvey
Treasurer

Received and Filed Jul. 24, 1942,
Chase Going Woodhouse, Secretary,
By E. H. Lounsbury.

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for business at eight o'clock, nineth month, twenty-fourth day, 1942, at the home of Paul and Ann Swett.

The report of the committee in charge of the wedding of Joan Sullivan and Albert Linton was read and accepted. (55A)

Since the statement of purpose has been agreed upon, the Meeting asked the corresponding clerk and recorder to have it put in the membership book with a list of the members. It was suggested that the book should have sections for weddings, births, deaths, and funerals. The question of birth-right membership was raised, but, feeling the matter required more thoughtful consideration, it was deferred to our next meeting for action.

Minutes of the June meeting were read.

The Meeting approved paying the Woman's Church Union $1.00 for the coming fiscal year.

The service committee reported progress in their efforts to obtain a visa for William Raleigh's father, who is in unoccupied France.

The book committee asked that all books in circulation be returned for cataloging.

Announcements and letters were read by the clerk.

In answer to a query from the AFSC, the Meeting approved appointing a committee to undertake to raise $600 for the support of Thomas Bodine for the coming year. The following people volunteered to help the clerk: Ann Swett, Edith Clapp, Elizabeth Butterworth, George Halford, Alice Jorgensen.

The Meeting has received an invitation to the wedding of Bertha Otis and Kermit Newlin on Sept. 28. Cassandra White was asked to send her our greetings and best wishes.

On Oct. 17 and 18, the Conn. Valley Association of Friends will meet in Westerly, concurrently with the New England Yearly Meeting. It is hoped a goodly number will attend.

A list of CPS men on farm furlough in this vicinity has been received. The Meeting asked the peace committee to write to each one, welcoming him to our Meeting.

Dr. Barstow has agreed to speak at our next supper meeting, on Oct. 22, on his work with Japanese Student Relocation.

After expressing its gratitude for the hospitality of the Swett's, the Meeting adjourned at nine o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

The annual meeting of Hartford Friends was held tenth month, eighth day, at 8:30, following the meeting for worship, in Hartranft Hall.

The minutes of the special business meetings held in July were read; they were accepted, subject to Thomas Harvey's editing. The minutes of the Sept. meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report, read by Herbert White, showed a total balance of $367.79 in the Meeting funds. The treasurer asked committees to submit a request for funds needed in the coming year. The Meeting approved the committee chairmen and the treasurer preparing a budget for the coming year, to be submitted to the Meeting. Unity was expressed with the motion that $100 be sent to the AFSC for the CPS fund.

The sewing committee has met once, and expects to meet twice a month during the winter. Last winter, a package of finished articles was sent to Philadelphia about once a month.

The peace committee reported that it had been concerned during the past year in gaining financial support for the CPS program. A special appeal was sent out in the fall, and in the spring CPS stamps were sold. The present status of conscientious objectors who belong to or attend our meeting is as follows:

Thomas Bodine--- released by draft board for work with the AFSC. Working with the Japanese Student Relocation on the West Coast.

Robert Walker	Classified as C.O.'s and in camp
Philip Kelsey	
Michael Jamir	
Harrison Butterworth	Classified as C.O. and expecting to go to camp.
Henry Colby	Classification appealed last winter.
Bernard Wojan	Occupational deferment until the middle of Oct.
Frank Wittko	Classification appealed and appeal denied.
Thomas E. Purdy	Classified as a seminary student; C.O. papers ignored.

Letters of greeting have been sent to nine men on farm furlough from CPS camps, who are in Conn.

The program committee arranged and carried out the program for last winter and for Oct. As previously announced, Dr. Barstow will speak on Oct. 22. Publicity for the meeting was left to the clerk. Since present conditions of transportation make it difficult for some of our members to attend, it was suggested that a combined supper meeting, business meeting, and programed meeting be scheduled for a Sunday. This plan will be tried as an experiment in November, the exact date to be decided by the committee.

The auditor reported that he had gone over the Meeting books and that they are now in order.

The hospitality committee reported that it had prepared for all supper meetings and the C.V.A. meeting.

The committee in charge of the Bodine fund reported that letters are being sent out and that some responses have been received. The Meeting reiterated its approval of having a committee undertake to raise this fund, rather than include it in the general fund.

In the report of the nominating committee, it was recommended that some committees be combined and others omitted. The Meeting united in accepting the recommendations and in approving the following committees:

At a meeting appointed for the purpose by The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends the marriage ceremony of Joan Thompson Sullivan of Granby, Connecticut and M. Albert Linton, Jr. of Moorestown, New Jersey took place on August twenty-ninth nineteen hundred and forty-two in the chapel of Hartranft Hall at The Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Connecticut.

The ceremony gave satisfaction to those concerned, being conducted in the manner customary to Friends. Thomas Harvey the acting clerk signed the wedding certificate which, by law, was filed with the Hartford Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Signed for the committee,

September,18,1942. Paul P. Swett.

For [illegible] Minutes

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Report of Treasurer, for Fiscal Year 10/1-41 to 10/1-42

	General fund	Refugee Fund	Tom Bodine Fund	Civilian Public Service Camps	Total
Balance from last year	112.69	106.95	000.00	32.00	251.64
Income 10-1-41 to 10-1-42	604.70	308.51	656.25	291.75	1861.21
Total	717.39	415.46	656.25	323.75	2112.85
Disbursements 10-1-41 to 10-1-42	446.71	366.85	656.25	275.25	1745.06
Balance forward to next year	270.68	48.61	000.00	48.50	367.79

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Overseers	Cassandra C. White, Moses Bailey, Thomas P. Harvey, Alice Jorgensen
Clerks	Paul Butterworth, George Halford assistant clerk
Recording and corresponding clerk	Fern Stowe
Treasurer	Thomas P. Harvey
Auditor	G. Herbert White
Program committee	Alexander C. Purdy, Mabel Bailey, Paul Swett, Cassandra White
Hospitality committee	Jeanette Purdy, Virginia Costellas, Margaret Morrison
Service "	(to include the peace committee) George and Ethel Halford, Edith Clapp, Elizabeth Butterworth, Paul and Anne Swett, Margaret Morrison, Cornelius Kruse, Bernard Wojan, Fern Stowe
News and publicity	Cassandra C. White
Conn. valley assoc. of Friends	Clerk, assistant clerk, chairman of the program committee
Nominating committee	To be named later in the year.
Sewing committee	To select own chairman
Queries	Alexander C. Purdy, Moses Bailey
Finance committee	Chairmen of committees and treasurer

The Meeting approved a minute to Marguerite Marsh, thanking her for her faithful and efficient service as editor of the Bulletin.

The clerk, or someone designated by him, is to represent us on the Fellowship Council of the AFSC.

It was suggested and approved that annual reports be given in writing in the future.

The overseers were asked to consider the question of birthright membership and report to the Meeting.

Paul Butterworth and Moses Bailey were asked to act as alternative representatives to the committee to consider closer relations with Friends in New England.

The Meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

George Halford, Assistant clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

The business meeting of Hartford Friends was held eleventh month, twenty-second day, 1942, in Hartranft Hall, after first day worship. Forty-three people were in attendance.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and corrected.

The clerk reported that the committee on greater unity among New England Friends has made progress. The clerk announced that Rachel Nason will represent the Meeting on the Fellowship Council.

For the coming fiscal year, the treasurer presented the budget of $481, which had appeared in the Bulletin. The Meeting approved it. The Bodine fund was reported to be subscribed. It was pointed out that the CPS fund is not included in the regular budget. (58 A)

The overseers presented a report on birthright membership. In order that the wording be clear, the Meeting asked them to consider it again.

Moses Bailey read the report of the committee on Queries. It was the sense of the Meeting that the queries be accepted, and that the thanks of the Meeting be expressed to Alexander Purdy and Moses Bailey for preparing them. (58 B

It was suggested that Moses Bailey and Alexander Purdy act as a committee to prepare a pamphlet to give to non-Friends attending our meeting. The Meeting approved; the committee will bring its ideas to after-Meeting discussion before presenting the plan to the business session.

Cornelius Kruse reported that Friends in Middletown have held three Meetings, with a good attendance each time.

George Halford invited anyone vitally interested to attend a meeting of the Service Committee immediately following the business meeting.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
REPORT OF TREASURER FOR FISCAL YEAR
October 1, 1941 to October 1, 1942

	General Fund	Refugee Fund	Tom Bodine Fund	Civilian Public Service Camp Fund	Total
Balance from last year	$ 112.69	$ 106.95	$ 000.00	$ 32.00	$ 251.64
Income 10-1-41 - 10-1-42	604.70	308.51	656.25	291.75	1,861.21
TOTAL	$ 717.39	$ 415.46	$ 656.25	$ 323.75	$2,112.85
Disbursements 10-1-41 to 10-1-42	$ 446.71	$ 366.85	$ 656.25	$ 275.25	$1,745.06
Balance forward to next year	$ 270.68	$ 48.61	$ 000.00	$ 48.50	$ 367.79

The following budget for the year beginning October 1, 1942 will be recommended for adoption at the next business meeting:

Theological Seminary	$ 75.00
Janitor and Nightwatchman	10.00
Secretarial expense, bulletins, etc.	130.00
Delegates to Conferences	25.00
Literature	5.00
Quaker Lane Grounds	25.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Service Committee (Refugees and Peace)	50.00
Sewing Committee	25.00
Hospitality Committee	25.00
Contributions:	
Fellowship Council	$ 25.00
Connecticut Valley Association	25.00
American Friends Service Committee	25.00
Federation of Churches	5.00
Woman's Church Union	1.00
Students Summer Peace Service	25.00
TOTAL	481.00

The Bodine Fund for this year has been fully subscribed. The requirements for the General Fund will be about the same as last year. There is increased need for contributions to the Fund for Civilian Public Service Camps.

Please make checks payable to Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, and send to:

Thomas P. Harvey, Treasurer
349 No. Steele Road
West Hartford, Connecticut

I. THE PURPOSE OF THE QUERIES.

"Dearly beloved Friends, these things we do not lay upon you as a rule or form to walk by, but that all, with the measure of light which is pure and holy, may be guided, and so in the light walking, and abiding, these may be fulfilled in the Spirit not in the letter, for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life."

This paragraph was a postscript to the letter from the Meeting of Elders at Balby near Doncaster, England, written in 1656 - the earliest advice on Christian practice issued by any general body of Friends. It suggests the purpose of these queries, which are intended to furnish an occasion for inward, silent confessional.

II. THE MEETING, WORSHIP AND THE MINISTRY.

Are the meetings for worship and business regularly held and well attended? Do we individually cherish a concern and a responsibility for the meeting for worship? Do we come together in a spirit of openness to submit ourselves to God in silence and with a prayerful desire to make the meeting profitable to each individual and to the assembled group? Are we careful not to disturb the meeting by late arrival? Is suitable opportunity afforded for silent communion with God? Are we obedient to the Divine call, whether our service be through words or in silence? Do we foster the use and growth of the spiritual gifts of our members?

III. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Do we live in Christian love one toward another? Do we earnestly endeavor in a spirit of Christlike sympathy and understanding to share one another's burdens? Do we seek to understand the individual and group needs of the members and is there a living concern for the welfare of each? Do we seek for unity in the Divine life underlying all differences of opinion and circumstance? Do we manifest a forgiving spirit and a care for the reputation of others? Where differences arise are prompt endeavors made to end them?

IV. PERSONAL STANDARDS OF LIVING.

Do we endeavor to express in our daily lives the love and brotherhood, the sincerity and simplicity, which Jesus Christ lived and taught? Do we make a place for inward retirement and communion with God, cherishing the Divine Light within, that its power growing in us may rule our lives? Do we keep to moderation in our standards of living and pursuit of business, avoiding self-indulgence and display? Do we choose those recreations which will strengthen our physical, mental and spiritual life, and avoid those that may prove a hindrance to ourselves and others? Do we so live that spiritual growth, family life, the interests of the church and public welfare may have their due share of our time and thought?

V. WAR,PEACE.

Do we endeavor to "live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars?" Do we seek to understand the causes of war and of existing social and industrial evils and to take our share in the endeavor to remove them? Are we concerned to create political,economic, religious and social institutions which will forward the cause of brotherhood on the earth?

VI. YOUNG PEOPLE,EDUCATION.

What does the meeting do for the religious development of children and for their understanding of the principles of our Society? Do we teach them the importance of choosing the best in literature and art, and do we encourage them in the choice of wholesome amusements and friendships? Do we help our young people to prepare themselves for assuming their rightful responsibilities in the community?

VII. MORAL TESTIMONIES,BUSINESS AND THE SOCIAL CONSCIENCE.

Are we punctual in keeping promises, just in the payment of debts, free from defrauding the public revenue, and honorable in all our dealings? Are we careful to live within our income and to avoid involving ourselves in business beyond our ability to manage? Are we concerned that our economic system shall function so as to fulfill its part in sustaining and enriching life for all, and do we as workers, employers, investors, consumers, and citizens endeavor to attain this end?

VIII. MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY.

Are we endeavoring to make our homes places of friendliness, refreshment and peace, where God becomes more real to those who dwell therein and to all who visit there?

Is marriage held in honor among us as an ordinance of God? Do we teach our youth that God alone can rightly join a man and a woman in marriage? Are we concerned to guide young people in the spiritual, emotional, and physical adjustments involved in marriage and to help them secure competent guidance when that is necessary?

IX. RACE RELATIONS.

Do we share so vitally in Friends' belief in "That of God in every man" as to be led to reverence personality in every human being regardless of race or creed? Are we concerned that justice shall obtain in our community and in society toward all racial and other minorities?

The business meeting of Hartford Friends was held twelfth month, tenth day, 1942, in Hartranft Hall, following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

After discussion of birthright and associate membership, the matter was referred to the overseers for continued consideration. The overseers recommended Malcolm and Marion Russell for dual membership. The Meeting welcomed them to our Meeting, and suggested that a communication be sent to the Fifteenth Street Meeting, New York, explaining dual membership.

Plans for entertaining CPS men on farm furlough were reported by the service committee. Following discussion it was decided to prepare five Christmas boxes for each of the New England CPS camps. Each box will cost about a dollar and a half. Members were asked to contribute as they felt able, the balance to be taken from the treasury.

Following a request fom the program committee for guidance in planning, the Meeting asked the committee to plan another all-day Sunday meeting for Jan.

Jeannette Purdy asked the Meeting to set a time for discussing the recommendations from the meeting on closer unity among New England Friends. Since the matter concerns all members and more people are apt to be present at the next business meeting, it was suggested the report be given in January.

Communications were read by the clerk. A letter from the Peace Section of the AFSC asked our Meeting to address an appeal to certain prominent Jewish people in Hartford. It was the sense of the Meeting that this would not be wise.

Betty Mansfield, of the AFSC staff, was present and reported on progress made in looking for a location for a women's civilian training unit in New England. Loomis School, Windsor, and Williston Academy, E. Hampton, Mass. are possible locations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording clerk

The monthly meeting of Hartford Friends was held first month, twenty-fourth day, 1943, in Mackenzie Hall, following the Meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read by the clerk.[60 A]

After discussion and suggestions, the report of the overseers on associate membership of children was returned to them for further consideration.

The service committee asked that a sum be set aside for knitting wool for people unable to buy their own. The Meeting approved joint action of the service and sewing committees in this matter, and approved the sewing committee buying ten dollars worth of wool for the purpose.

Jeannette Purdy presented the report of the sub-committee on closer cooperation of all Friends in New England for discussion.[60 B] On Feb. 6 there will be a conference in Lynn, Mass. for all Friends in New England to discuss the recommendatio
The Meeting appointed Alexander Purdy and George Halford to epresent us, with the Clerk going as an alternate. All Friends will be welcome at the conference.

The Meeting approved the suggestion of the program committee that the next business and programmed meeting be held Feb. 21.

For the sake of out-of-town Friends, the Meeting approved ten-thirty as the hour for First Day Meetings, beginning next week. A notice will be sent to all attenders.

Communications were read by the clerk. He reported that Frank Wittko is now in Danbury Prison for failure to report for inducti‸n.

The Meeting approved sending five dollars to the Mile of Dimes drive.

The Meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe
Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

Fiscal Year Beginning Oct. 1st 1942

Treasurers Report as of Jan. 20 1943

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Balance from last year	270.68
Receipts since Oct. 1st	416.00
	686.68
Disbursements	168.71
Balance on hand	~~133.61~~ 517.97

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Balance from last year	48.61
Receipts	85.00
Balance on hand	133.61

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Receipts	608.00

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und for C.P.S. Camps

Balance from last year	48.50
Receipts	523.00
Total	571.50
Forwarded to A.F.S.C.	571.50

Fund Exhausted

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON CLOSER COOPERATION OF ALL FRIENDS IN NEW ENGLAND

November, 1942

I. Reasons for Union

1. In separation, we tend to emphasize our differences and so become unbalanced in our work. Union would make us more complete and therefore a more effective group.

2. In union, we would be more nearly living out our Friendly profession of reconciliation, love, and cooperation and would thus come nearer to squaring our life with our profession in the eyes of our new members.

3. We need one another, with our varying gifts. When groups join, new life may arise through the new contacts and knowledge. Some Friends have emphasized the religion based on historical events while other Friends have emphasized the religion of immediate revelation. Both should be woven together. We need our emphasis on Christ and His place in the Church as the source of our Quaker message.

4. We already unite in service and we need a united message expressing the spiritual basis for that service.

5. We hope that the union may suggest similar action by other groups of Friends in America.

6. Such union would simplify the machinery of organization, open channels and increase means of communication between all groups of Friends.

7. Such union would help in the outreach of Friends especially where no meetings are now being held, or where new meetings are in process of establishment.

II. Steps to Effect Such Union

1. We recommend that there be one Yearly Meeting in New England with the name of New England United Yearly Meeting of Friends. This new name signifies the continuation of the traditions and ideals of the two present Yearly Meetings, the Connecticut Valley Association, and the independent Monthly Meetings through the uniting of all Friends into one Yearly Meeting. It would thus make it easier for each group involved as well as for all Friends, to be aware of the composition of the united Yearly Meeting. It is understood that the united Yearly Meeting would be affiliated with the Five Years Meeting.

2. We recommend that a Quarterly Meeting be formed, composed of the three monthly meetings now in the Connecticut Valley Association.

3. We recommend that the Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting with its constituent monthly meetings be continued, but with a change in name.

4. We recommend that Quarterly Meetings now in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England continue as they are; although later, some realignment may be found desirable.

5. We recommend that Friends in Cambridge and Friends in Providence be encouraged to proceed as rapidly as practicable to consolidate Monthly Meetings in their respective areas. If this cannot be effected soon, unattached meetings in these localities are encouraged to join a Quarterly Meeting of their choice.

6. In general, dual membership, -- that is, membership in more than one Monthly Meeting of Friends, is not encouraged but Monthly Meetings may recognize it in their discretion.

7. The question of Discipline is important to effecting a union. The Five Years Meeting is preparing a major revision of its discipline. There is reason to hope that all Friends will feel comfortable to proceed under it as finally adopted. Until that time, newly formed Quarterly and Monthly Meetings should be granted autonomy in matters of discipline; although we realize there may be some instances in which Quarterly and Monthly Meetings should be free to adapt the discipline to their particular requirements.

8. A committee should be appointed to arrange uniform business procedures and apportionment of financial obligations, for all parts of the new Yearly Meeting.

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9. 10 Efforts should be made to have alternate sessions of the new Yearly Meeting at some place in southern New England.

10. It is hoped that the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England will consider these proposals in February, following which, intervisitation of Friends to encourage full discussion and thought on the problems may be carried on in every local meeting in New England before any action is taken.

The monthly meeting of the Hartford Meeting was held second month, twenty-eighth day in MacKenzie Hall, following worship. (1943)

Minutes of the meeting of Jan. 24, 1943 were read and no corrections noted.

Thomas Harvey reported that the treasury was in satisfactory condition.

Cassandra White stated that knitting wool had been purchased by the sewing committee and was ready for those who might wish to use it.

Cassandra White reported for the Overseers as to membership provisions, and it was the sense of the Meeting that these were acceptable and should be considered adopted, with a full statement of them to be included in the forthcoming bulletin. (61 A)

Paul Butterworth mentioned attendance by Alexander Purdy, George Halford and himself at the conference in Lynn, Feb. 6, 1943, on the subject of unity of New England Friends. He said that harmony was evident at the meeting and there was good prospect of further progress in the near future.

For the program committee it was stated that Rachel Nason would be with us on March 21 and the Meeting agreed that we meet for worship and business in the morning, have dinner through the kindness of the Seminary, and have Rachel Nason's talk in the afternoon: a schedule similar to those of the fall and winter for our " Dinner Meetings."

It was reported further that A. J. Muste was to be at the Seminary on March 11 and it was decided to sit with him and others as our Meeting for that day.

Paul Butterworth read the resolution proposed by Senator Mortensen on the subject of the World Federation. The Meeting approved the substance of the resolution.

Paul Butterworth stated that he would like any who could go to attend Meeting in Middletown that evening with him.

It was proposed that a study course based on Elbert Russell's "History of Quakerism" be undertaken for weekly meeting discussions during the spring. The Meeting approved of this.

Edith Clapp asked that all books which belonged to the Meeting and were in members' hands be returned or listed with her so that the Meeting's library could become more definitely established.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Philip Kelsey, Acting Recording Clerk

The business meeting of Hartford Friends was held third month, twenty-first day, 1943, in Mackenzie Hall, following worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted..

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Since the program committee may be able to arrange a meeting early in April with Walter Kotchnig as the speaker, the Meeting authorized the committee to proceed with plans, changing the meeting night if necessary.

The revised recommendations of the committee for greater unity among New England Friends were read and discussed. It was the sense of the Meeting that the general spirit of the proposals is acceptable and that the group will so state to the May Meeting of the Conn. Valley Association.

Communications were read by the clerk. Our Meeting was asked to subscribe to a Memorial Chair in Philosophy to Jessie Holmes at Howard University. The Meeting approved sending $25.00 to the fund.

The business meeting closed at 12:30.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe
Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording clerk

The monthly meeting of Friends was held fourth month, eighteenth day, 1943, in Mackenzie Hall, after the Meeting for Worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The overseers united in recommending Dr. and Mrs. Shaw for membership. The Meeting approved, and welcomed them into the Meeting. (62A

Plans for the C.V.A. meeting on May 9 were discussed. Since it may be necessa for our members to bring lunches, freeing dining room space for guests, Jeannette Purdy invited members to eat lunches on her lawn.

In case of a union of New England Friends, the Springfield group has expressed concern regarding its status. It was the sense of the Meeting that we would welcome the group as members, if it wished to affiliate with us.

A Japanese couple, Mr. & Mrs. Hosakawa, have asked our aid (through Thomas Bodine) in securing housing. The matter was referred to the service committee.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The Meeting felt that Rachel Nason should be reimbursed for her transportation. The treasurer was instructed to pay for the dinners of the C.V.A. representatives on May 8, since individual hospitality will be difficult with rationing.

Cassandra White was asked to represent the Meeting at the conference on the Nature & Laws of Our Spiritual Life at Haddonfield, N.J., April 23-25.

The treasurer was asked to send $10.00 to support the work of the New England Institute of International Relations.

On May 9, the Women's International League is opening a Peace Center at the Unitarian Church on Pearl Street. The hope was expressed that some members would be able to attend after the C.V.A. meeting.

Communications were read by the clerk.

Business adjourned at 12:45.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe
Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording clerk

BULLETIN - HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

EETINGS FOR WORSHIP — Hartford Seminary
unday 10.30 A.M. MACKENZIE HALL — 55 Elizabeth St.
hursdays 7.45 P.M. HARTRANFT HALL

MARCH - 1943

ar. 11 Thursday 7.30 P.M. Hartranft Hall
Joint Meeting with the F.O.R. to hear Dr. A. J. Muste.

ar. 21 Sunday Monthly Business-Dinner Meeting
10.30 A.M. Meeting for Worship
11.45 A.M. Meeting for Business
1.30 P.M. Dinner 60¢ in Hosmer Hall
2.30 P.M. Talk: By Rachel Conrad Nason, of Washington, D.C.

Please send reservations for dinner by Mar. 18 to Jeannette H. Purdy, 96 Sherman St.

eport on February Business Meeting.

The Overseers submitted a comprehensive report on membership which has been nder consideration for some months. The Meeting approved the report and appreciated he efforts of the Overseers and instructed that it be incorporated as part of the iscipline. It is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Persons of adult age, and minors who have arrived at years of sufficient judgent may be admitted into membership in the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. equest for admittance shall be presented through the Overseers, who, upon satisfacory inquiry and full consideration as to the sincerity and propriety of the request, hall pass it on to the Monthly Meeting with their recommendation. The action of the Monthly Meeting shall then be communicated to the applicant.

In addition to the Members of the Meeting, who are those taking their share of responsibility for the welfare of the group, provision is also made for members' children not yet prepared to accept major responsibility, but for whom the Meeting assumes the obligation to encourage them toward growth in Friendly principles: these shall be known as Associate Members.

Children shall be recorded at birth as Associate Members when both parents are Friends; subject to the judgment of the Meeting, they may become Members, upon request, when they have reached the age of discretion. When one parent is a Member, children may be enrolled as Associate Members upon the request of that parent and the consent of the other. New Members, parents of young children, are encouraged to enroll their children as Associate Members. Young children will be recorded Associate Members if their parents are Friends who became members of the Hartford Monthly Meeting, at the time of its organization.

An Associate Member who, upon reaching matured years, does not desire to become a Member, may, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting, be dropped from the list of Associate Members.

A Member who permanently leaves this community shall be encouraged to join with Friends in the place to which he goes; at his request, a letter from this Monthly Meeting shall be sent to the monthly meeting of his choice commending him to their membership. Upon his reception as a member of another meeting, his Membership in this Meeting shall cease.

A Member who finds himself grown out of harmony with the principles of Friends, ay, at his own request, after satisfactory consultation and full consideration, withraw his Membership from this Monthly Meeting; or the Monthly Meeting may, if it is eemed wise, upon its own initiative remove the name from the list of Members.

Our Representatives attended the Conference of Friends in Lynn, Mass. on Februry 6, and Alexander Purdy gives the following report:

> A conference of Friends representing all groups in New England was held at the meeting house in Lynn, Mass. on February 6 to consider the report of the Committee of Twelve on union of Friends in New England. About a hundred persons were in attendance. The morning session was devoted to the reading of the committee's report and to brief talks by representatives of the different groups. In the afternoon Howard Brinton spoke on "Lessons from Quaker History." A panel discussion dealing with the problems and values in union concluded the day's conference. There was hearty approval of the proposal in principle and it was referred to the separate meetings for action. George A. Selleck served as chairman for the day.

tems of Interest

Feb. 12 Alice Jorgensen was one of twenty-seven Volunteer Nurses' Aides to eceive Caps at the Hartford Hospital.

Robert Walker and Marjanne Waite attended Meeting Feb. 14 and have since anounced that they are to be married at the home of the bride in Bristol, Conn. ar. 20. The Hartford Times says they are to reside in Swarthmore, Penna.

Harrison Butterworth has now been assigned to a Maryland C.P.S. Camp because of uarantine at Big Flats, N. Y.

Philip Kelsey attended Meeting Feb. 28 and told of conferences among C.O.'s in ew York where a group of them are trying to work out some of the problems that they eel are of vital importance.

Marguerite Crespi Marsh is in Washington, D. C. visiting Rachel Nason on the ay to Florida for a holiday with her brother.

The Sewing Committee has been meeting regularly during February at the home of rs. William P. Kirk. Two boxes of children's dresses have been sent to the merican Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia.

The discussions following the Sunday Meetings are now to be on "The History of uakerism" by Elbert Russell, members taking the eight divisions of the book in rder.

March 7	Quakerism under the Commonwealth,	1647-1660
March 14	Quakerism after the Restoration	1660-1691
March 28	The Aftermath of Toleration	1691-1737
April 4	The Peculiar People	1737-1784
April 11	Philanthropy and the Transition to Evangelicalism	1784-1827

CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPS

Some fifty camps are now in operation under the auspices of the historic peace churches. Over seven thousand men have been classified as conscientious objectors, and six hundred go into camps each month. Although fifty-nine percent of the group in camps belongs to one of the historic peace churches, only twenty-five percent of those in Friends camps are Friends.

What do these men do? The bulk of the work is classed as soil conservation, forest service, national park service, or agriculture. Now that the war makes such information a military secret, little is heard of fire fighting. But since the situation in Connecticut is so serious that high school pupils are being trained as fire fighters, it is readily seen that conscientious objectors may contribute a very real service by preventing vast forest tracts from burning. After June 1, sixty CPS men will be trained as parachutists to fight forest fires in isolated sections. The Forest Service estimates that parachutists save over $3,000 per fire.

Special projects certainly prove the desire of these men to be "constructive pioneers." Although the State Department still refuses to issue passports for foreign service, eleven of the men are working on a reconstruction project in Puerto Rico - the India of the U. S. Several mental hospitals (including our own state institutions) are using men in an attempt to fill the devastating gaps in personnel. Recently, fifteen white and negro men were accepted to work in a school for delinquent colored boys. The news-worthy quality of the louse project was recognized by TIME: thirty volunteers tried out the efficacy of powders in destroying lice--after the lice had had ten days to live on their human subjects. Other "guinea pigs" are being used for experiments as to the effect on the human body of drinking salt water, in high altitude experiments, and in nutrition studies. Now there is a demand for men to act as dairy testers. It should be remembered that the personnel for all special projects is selected from volunteers. In most cases volunteers have exceeded the number of men who could be used.

To continue this work through the year, it is estimated that Friends must raise $570,000. Men on detached service do not necessarily decrease the cost of the camps, since the hope is to contribute what they earn to post-war reconstruction or some other worthy cause. If you have not already contributed to the fund, we ask your aid now. Contributions may be channeled through the treasurer of the Hartford Meeting, properly designated for CPS, and will be forwarded to the AFSC. Such gifts are exempt from income taxation. These men are dedicated to the vision of a better world. It is the high privilege of those of us who stay at home to equip them so that they may be our hands and feet in preparing the highway for the new day. The spirit of the gift is more important than its size. When many of us unite to help, much can be accomplished.

Make checks payable to: Thomas P. Harvey
349 No. Steele Road,
West Hartford, Conn.

The Noblest Motive is the Public Good.

Virgil.

Cassandra C White

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4, 17, 1943

To the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dr. George H. Shaw and his wife Elizabeth Shaw having made application by letter to the Overseers for membership were visited by the Overseers who are in agreement that their request be granted and that they be welcomed into membership with us. A letter has been received from the Clerk of the [illegible] Presbyterian Church where they have been members, showing that they have resigned from that body and commending them to our Christian care.

Signed on behalf of the Overseers,
Cassandra C. White.
Chairman.

The regular monthly meeting of Hartford Friends met fifth month, twenty-third day, 1943, in Hartranft Hall, following Worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of $132 in the general fund after budgeted amounts are spent. The Meeting authorized the treasurer to send $5.00 to the Conn. Peace Conference. The service committee was authorized to find a woman delegate to spend some days at the Women's Civilian Training Unit at Westerly and to offer up to $25.00 for expenses. Since Cornelius Kruse is leaving June 1 on a mission to promote inter-artistic and intellectual cultures among the American states, the Meeting united in expressing its good wishes to him and approved sending a gift of $20.00 as tangible evidence of fellowship. The Meeting asked Alexander Purdy to write a Minute of greeting for Cornelius Kruse to take with him.

The service committee asked guidance in using the refugee fund for purposes other than passage money. The Meeting approved using the fund in any way the committee feels best, so long as it is for refugees.

Since it is very difficult for the Meeting to do anything at the Quaker Lane Meeting House grounds under present conditions, it was suggested that the committee continue to take whatever action is necessary now, and to keep any unexpended amount in the budget as a nest egg for the future. The Meeting approved.

The sewing committee, which has held meetings and sent packages to Philadelphia throughout the year, will not meet again until fall.

Due to the difficulty of keeping an accurate record of Meeting literature, the Meeting authorized Edith Clapp to ask the Seminary for permission to have a special bookcase for our books and to take necessary action to secure one if it is permissible.

Thursday, May 27, the Meeting is invited to attend a meeting at the Peace Center sponsored by pacifist groups. Frederick Libby will speak. The Meeting approved joining with others in this meeting.

It was the sense of the Meeting that the picnic be postphoned until fall.

After June 6, Meetings for Worship will be held on Thursday evenings only during the summer. George Halford will be custodian of the minute book for the summer.

Cassandra White reported on the Haddonfield Meeting.

At the CVA meeting, a large number attended in the morning, and a capacity audience came to hear Rufus Jones in the afternoon. The Meeting expressed thanks to those members of the group who worked so hard to make the visitors welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held sixteenth of Nineth Month, 1943

The Overseers report that they have been approached upon the question of granting absentee membership, and they asked the Meeting to consider the policy which should be followed in such cases.. After careful and full discussion, it is the sense of the meeting that persons who have never attended our meetings, and who are so situated geographically that they could never attend regularly, would probably find some more satisfactory association nearer their homes.

The Service Committee reports several cases waiting for our attention, among them young Japanese-Americans who have come to Hartford during the summer.
An appeal for funds for clothing, etc., was made to the meeting by letter from the West Campton Camp, which is now the only C.P.S. camp in New England. It was agreed to write asking for more details of the needs to be supplied, and then to present the matter at the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Association for consideration with other meetings.

The treasurer's report was read (we have paid all amounts designated on the budget. The Bodine fund is settled for the year, with a balance to carry over; etc.)

It was decided that regular Sunday meetings should begin the 26th of September, the hour to be 10:45 A.M.

The Connecticut Valley Association Meeting will be held the 24th of October in New Haven.. It is hoped that many from Hartford may be able to attend.

The question of Sunday School for the children was brought up. Florence Greene agreed to send out a questionaire to members to see what the situation is as to both children and teachers who might be available for such a project.

The following Nominating committee was appointed, to report next month the names of officers and committee chairmen for the coming year: Jeannette H. Purdy, G. Herbert White, Virginia Costales.

The following report was made on the plans of the Hartford Peace Center for the season October through January. There are to be speaker meetings two Tuesday evenings each month. We hope the interest aroused by the speakers may stimulate discussion in problems of our own neighborhood as well as in those of national and international scope. The Unitarian Church Committee has also offered the building all day every Thursday for the use of those sewing for the American Friends' Service Committee.

After a short period of silence the meeting adjourned.

Edith C. Clapp, secretary pro tem.

The Hartford Monthly Meeting met for business after the Meeting for worship in Hartranft Hall, on the fourteenth day of the tenth month, 1943.

The clerk read a letter from Paul Furnas regarding the CPS program for 1944. There was discussion, but no action was deemed necessary at this time.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the Sept. meeting were read, and minor corrections noted.

The treasurer reported a balance in all funds handled by the Meeting. Discussion followed regarding the best use of the sizable balance in the general fund. The finance committee was asked to report on the question at the next meeting, and to present a budget at that time.

The auditor reported that he had gone over the books and found them correct. The Meeting united in expressing our thanks to the treasurer for his failthful work.

Annual reports were submitted by the following committees, and are filed with the minutes::the overseers; news and publicity; sewing group; hospitality; program committee; nominating committee. All reports were read and approved. It was the sense of the Meeting that the office of assistant clerk be omitted for the present.

The Meeting approved having business meetings on Sunday, following the meeting for worship, until further notice. Nov. 14 was approved as the day for the next business session.

The clerk announced that a letter was received in August from James Floyd Moore inviting members of the Meeting to attend his wedding to Lucretia Phillips. Some Friends were able to attend.

After brief discussion, the recording clerk was instructed to ask Ann Swett, Edith Clapp, and Elizabeth Butterworth to act again this year in attempting to raise the necessary funds to support Thomas Bodine's work. There is a balance of $163.00 in the fund.

Westerly Meeting has invited Hartford Friends to attend the conference of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends from Oct. 15-18. Marguerite Bailey agreed to attend as our representative on Sat. Other Friends who are able to attend will be welcome.

Middletown Friends have asked our approval of their endorsement of Adrian Wilson in his endeavor to be reclassified as a divinity student. The Meeting approved.

Attention was called to the need for Christmas gifts to be send to children in relocation centers. The Meeting approved sending $15.00 to the AFSC to be used for this purpose.

On Oct. 24, the Conn. Valley Association will meet in New Haven. Since action will probably be taken on union of all New England Friends, members were urged to attend.

The Meeting united in expressing thanks to the clerk and to committee chairmen for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe, Recording clerk

The regular business meeting of Hartford Friends was held in Hartranft Hall eleventh month, twenty-first day, 1943, after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mabel Bailey reported on the conference of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in Westerly. The clerk reported on the meeting of the New England branch ofthe AFSC.

The treasurer submitted the report of the finance committee, which is filed with the minutes. The meeting approved increasing the amount to be paid to the Seminary to $100.00. It was recommended that $25.00 be sent to the Peace Center. The Meeting approved. The Meeting asked the Finance committee to send out a copy of the budget, and an appeal for fund to finish this year of CPS.

The overseers united in recommending M. Omar Bailey for membership, and the members welcomed him into the Meeting.

It was agreed that the next business session be held on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

REPORT OF TREASURER

October 1, 1942 to October 1, 1943

	General Fund	Refugee Fund	Bodine Fund	C.P.S. Camp Fund	Total
Balance from last year	$ 270.68	$ 48.61	$ 00.00	$ 48.50	$ 367.79
Income 10-1-42 to 10-1-43	637.70	107.00	713.00	646.65	2,104.35
TOTAL	$ 908.38	$ 155.61	$ 713.00	$ 695.15	$ 2,472.14
Disbursements 10-1-42 to 10-1-43	564.39	000.00	550.00	671.50	1,785.89
Balance Forward to Next Year	$ 343.99	$ 155.61	$ 163.00	$ 23.65	$ 686.25

we had a credit of 50^{00} with A.F.S.C. in the Bodine Fund—which, with payment of $550^{00} makes a total of 600^{00} for the year.

Thomas P. Harvey

Treasurer

OCTOBER 3, 1943

The Overseers met monthly when necessary to consider matters relating to membership. Attenders were welcomed and efforts were made to be helpful to newcomers and to the C.P.S. campers in the neighborhood.

Letters were exchanged with members out of town keeping them in close touch with the Meeting.

For the Overseers -
Cassandra C. White.
Chairman.

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News and Publicity

The Bulletin was issued monthly from October, 1942 to June - 1943 - seven Bulletins in all.

Notices were posted to members and attenders for Monthly Dinner meetings, special meetings, C. V. A meetings - and for change of dates, place, and hour of the Thursday and Sunday Meetings.

Cassandra C. White
Editor.

The Sewing Group.

The Sewing group, averaging six members, met three a month from October to June at the homes of Ruth H. Kirk and Cassandra C. White.

Quantities of little girls dresses and garments for infants were made and sent to the American Friends Service Committee.

This group also encouraged knitting among their friends and many Sweaters and pairs of sox were included in the packages.

Cassandra C. White
Sec. for the Com.

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Report of the Program Committee of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The program committee with the assistance of other Friends has arranged for seven addresses during the past year. No program was arranged for December because of the pressure of holiday events or for May because of the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends. The October program was held in connection with a Thursday evening supper meeting; all subsequent programs were on Sunday afternoon following the meetings for worship and business, except the recent address of Thomas Bodine on Thursday evening October 7. The disproportionately large number of addresses on Japanese-American students (3) was due to the fact that Rachel Nason, who was to have spoken on March 21st, was unable to do so because of illness. Thomas Bodine graciously agreed to substitute for her, and he spoke again on his recent visit - both times to our satisfaction. The program as carried out follows:

Thursday October
~~Sunday~~, ~~November~~ 22, 1942. Robbins W.Barstow: "Japanese-American Student Relocation". Gertrude King also spoke on this subject.
Sunday, November 22,1942. Philip Jacob: "Origin & Development of CPS."
Sunday, January 14th, 1943. Elden H.Mills: "The Mission of Friends Today."
Sunday, February 28,1943. Elmer E.S.Johnson: "Mennonites in America"
Sunday, March 21,1943. Thomas Bodine:"Japanese-American Student Relocation"
Sunday, April 18,1943. Cornelius Kruse:"The Significance of the CPS Camps."
Thursday, October 7,1943. Thomas Bodine:"Japanese-American Student Relocation."

Your committee feels sure that the new committee~~s~~ on Program will welcome suggestions of speakers for the coming year.

Cassandra White
Mabel Bailey
Paul Swett
Alexander C. Purdy Chairman.

Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee has arranged for dinners on the six Sundays during the past year when there have been all day meetings. They also arranged for supper for the representatives and for dinners for the people attending the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends in May. The dinners all were served at the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette H. Purdy

Jeannette H. Purdy, ch.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for the coming year:-

Clerk - Paul Butterworth
Recording clerk - Fern Stowe
Treasurer - G. Herbert White
Auditor - Thomas P. Harvey

We also present the following as chairman and members of committees:-

Program Committee

Alexander C. Purdy chairman
Mabel C. Bailey
Paul P. Swett

Hospitality Committee

Virginia Costales, chairman
Elizabeth Shaw
Marian Russell
Jeannette H. Purdy

Service and Peace Committee

Fern Stowe, chairman
George Halford
Ethel Halford
Edith B. Clapp
Margaret Morrison
Bernard Wojin

News and Publicity Committee

Cassandra B. White

Sewing Committee

Ruth H. Kirk

Educational Committee

Marguerite M. Bailey, chairman
Florence Greene
Malcolm Russell

Connecticut Valley Association Representatives - Clerk, Chairman program com.

Overseers

Cassandra C. White
Moses Bailey
Alice E. Jorgensen
Thomas P. Harvey

On behalf of the committee,

Jeannette H. Purdy
Jeannette H. Purdy

The regular monthly meeting of Hartford Friends was held twelfth month, nineth day, 1943, in Hartranft Hall, following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The recording clerk was asked to send an expression of appreciation to Carol DeCou for her careful work in publishing the Meeting Bulletin.

The Overseers reported that they had received a certificate from Rahway & Plainfield Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, for Franklin Satterthwaite, Ruth Satterthwaite, and William Satterthwaite. The Meeting gladly accepted them into membership, and asked Alice Jorgensen and Cassandra White to extend our greetings to them.

The service committee recommended sending $25.00 to the emergency fund of the CPS camp at Gatlinburg, Tenn. The Meeting approved.

Edith Clapp asked to be relieved of her duties as librarian. The Meeting united in expressing appreciation for the service she has given. It was the sense of the Meeting that is is satisfied, and due to the pressure of the present emergency it seems best to continue the present arrangement.

Correspondence was read by the clerk. The clerk presented a letter from the AFSC explaining the status of CPS. The clerk was asked to write to the AFSC expressing confidence and help in the coming year.

Jeannette Purdy and Paul Butterworth asked guidance before attending the meeting in Cambridge, Dec. 10-12, to make final plans for uniting Friends in New England. It was the sense of the Meeting that the Overseers were best able to give such guidance.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Stowe, Recording Clerk

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held the regular meeting for business on thirteenth day, first month, 1944, in Hartranft Hall following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and appwoved.

The Clerk reported on the Cambridge meeting on unity among New England Friends.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The Meeting approved sending $5.00 to the Mile of Dimes.

On Thursday, January 27,, the program committee has arranged for Mr. Dotson, Social Service Secretary for the North End District Council of Social Agencies, to speak on racial problems in Hartford.

Communications were read by the Clerk.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording Clerk

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for business second month, tenth day, 1944, in Hartranft Hall, following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. It was recommended that our Meeting send $5.00 to Henry Parry as a contribution to the clerical expenses of the meetings on union among New England Friends. The Meeting approved. Since there is a large surplus of money in the general fund, it was the sense of the Meeting that the clerk appoint a committee to investigate possible uses of the money. The committee is to report to the next monthly meeting.

The Program Committee reported that Mrs. Lewis Rose will speak to the Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 12:15, on UNRRA.

Communications were read. The clerk announced that he had received a contribution of $25.00 from Dr. Bruell for the Meeting. Dr. Bruell is a refugee doctor whom this Meeting helped during the many months he was trying to establish himself in this country. Now he is practicing medicine in a small town in New York.

Alexander Purdy reported that a group of over twenty young people, most of them seminary students, are meeting informally for one hour each week to study Quaker principles.

There was discussion regarding the statement to be prepared for visitors to our Meeting. It was suggested that the Queries be used more by the Meeting, and that the Overseers supervise their use. The Meeting approved printing one thousand copies of the Queries for distribution.

After a period of silence, the Meeting closed.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording Clerk

The regular business meeting of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held 3rd month, 9th day, 1944 in Hartranft Hall following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported that many Friends attended the Howard Kershner meeting, which took the place of the March programed meeting. It is hoped Paul Swett may speak to us on April 23, following first day meeting for worship.

The special finance committee met on March 7, and asked to committees to report to it on use of funds: the service and peace committee, and a committee on the use of Quaker Lane Grounds. [illegible]

It was suggested that our Meeting further the work of Howard Kershner. The Meeting approved the service committee acting for the Meeting, and authorized any expense up to $25.00.

Announcements and communications were read.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting closed.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording Clerk

The regular business session of Hartford Friends was held fourth month, thirteenth day, in Hartranft Hall following the meeting for worship.

The meeting was called to order by the recording clerk. Alexander Purdy was asked to act as clerk of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Service Committee reported that correspondence has been carried on with Howard Kershner, and copies of his address are being obtained to send to members.

The special finance committee is unable to report because the illness of one of the members on the committee on use of Quaker Lane Grounds has prevented a meeting.

On Thursday, April 20, the program committee reported, Paul Swett will speak on C.P

The AFSC has asked that our Meeting name a permanent representative to make contacts with the Bartels' family in Granby. This is the family of a CPS man on detached service. The Meeting's service committee was asked to act in the matter.

Correspondence was read by the acting clerk.
For the meeting of the CVA on May 27-28, the following hospitality committee was named: Cassandra White, chairman; Mabel Bailey, reservations; Herbert White, Marguerite Bailey, Edith Clapp, Fern Stowe.
The Meeting closed with the reading of an epistle from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, followed by a period of silence.

Alexander Purdy, Acting Clerk

Fern Stowe,Record

The Education Committee regrets its apparent inactivity during the past few months. However, Florence Green sent cards to those Friends whose children she felt might be interested in First Day School and asked whether or not they would wish to have such a school organized. Considering the negative response to most of these cards and what seemed to be the general opinion of other Friends with whom the matter was discussed, it seemed inadvisable to undertake the organization of a First Day School this year. It was felt, however, that there may be a greater demand for such a program in the near future.

Entirely apart from the functions of the Education Committee and yet of interest to the Meeting, we believe, is the study group which met during the winter term at the Seminary for the hour preceeding Fifth Day Meeting for worship. The group consisted of Seminary Young Friends, interested students and several Young Friends belonging to the Meeting who wished to learn more about the history and organization of the Society of Friends, and, under the leadership of Alexander C. Purdy and Moses Bailey, discussions were held on these subjects. Those of us who participated in the study group felt that it was both hepful and successful and hope that something similar will be carried out another year.

Approximately the same group of Young Friends and several more from Hartford and vicinity have met occasionally during the year for a social evening together. In October they met at the home of the Baileys in West Hartford; in November they had a very pleasant evening of games at the Satterthwaites' home in Manchester; and in February they had a skating party on the Butterworths' pond in Sunset Farms, all of which times were most rewarding in entertainment, fellowship and fefreshments.

We were sorry to lose Malcolm Russell from our committee when he moved from Hartford and suggest that someone be appointed to fill his place for the coming year.

M. Marguerite Bailey,

M.Marguerite Bailey,Ch.

The Monthly Meeting Of Hartford Friends was held fifth month, eleventh day, 1944, in Hartranft Hall after the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approced.

The service committee reported that correspondence has been carried on with Howard Kerchner regarding ways to help the plan for feeding the starving children of Europe. The Conn. Council of Churches is sending out a letter and two pamphlets on the feeding plan to its mailing list; the $25.00 approved for the use of the committee will be used for postage. It was suggested that the Meeting form a committee to raise money for a local advertisement on the plan. While the Meeting felt that such a committee should be separate from our group and include other groups in Hartford, the Meeting approved our being one of the sponsors. Twenty dollars was approved for this purpose. George Halford was asked to have charge of the project.

Final plans for the CVA meeting on May 27-28 were discussed. Paul Butterworth was named as our member on the CVA nominating committee.

A report from the Education Committee was read by the Clerk and is filed with the minutes.

The sewing committee reported it will meet once again this spring. The committee is helping Mitchell House by supplying materials for children's sewing.

The Meeting approved the following expenditures: $5.00 for the Conn. Peace Conference, $10.00 more for the Hartford Federation of Churches, and $10.00 for the New England Committee of the AFSC for the Institute of International Relations.

A letter has been received from Oscar Lee asking the Meeting to appoint representatives to the inter-racial council. The clerk was asked to write him, explaining that Friends do not appoint representatives. Many Friends are concerned in inter-racial work,and individuals with such a concern should be encouraged to participate in such activities.

The overseers presented statistics and a memorandum on the state of the Meeting which they had prepared as an answer to a questionaire from the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting contributed information, and approved the work done.

Correspondence was read by the Clerk.

The service committee asked that its report to the special finance committee be considered at the next monthly meeting. The Meeting approved.

The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording Clerk

The regular business meeting of Hartford Monthly Meeting was held the eighth of Sixth Month, 1944, in Hartranft Hall following the Meeting for Worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections noted.

George Halford reported that he had deferred action on the advertisement for the feeding of European children until a more opportune time and will consult with Friends before proceeding again.

Report was made that the Friends General Conference will be held at Cape May from June 23 to 30. The Meeting appointed Ruth L. and Franklin E. Satterthwaite as official representatives of this Meeting and the Clerk was asked to give them a letter conveying this appointment.

It was announced that the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England will meet at Ocean Park, Maine, June 21 to 25 and Friends are encouraged to attend if possible. This Meeting will be glad to give a minute as a representative if a Friend from here is able to go.

Report was made that at its recent meeting the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends had become The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends by the adoption of the following minute:

"Meeting in final session as the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends, we propose to unite with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, the Friends Meeting at Cambridge, and the Providence Friends Fellowship Monthly Meeting, to constitute with these bodies a single Yearly Meeting in New England having the name 'New England Yearly Meeting of Friends'. To that end we further unite in changing our name from the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends. We are agreed that our records shall be continued with the appropriate change of name and that our form of organization shall continue until the need for change arises.

"Since the first decade of the twentieth century Friends meetings have been held in various centers in the Connecticut Valley, some of them with considerable regularity. Our minutes show that the first definite steps toward uniting these meetings in one organization were taken at a meeting of Friends in the Connecticut Valley held on Fifth Month, Fifth, 1935, and that we have met regularly since that date. The vitality of the local meetings has been the center of our life, and our association has served to stimulate and encourage the local meetings and to relate them to the larger concerns of Friends everywhere. The Friends Fellowship Council and many Friends from other groups have fostered our growth and service.

"Two years ago, Fifth Month, Ninth, 1942, we addressed a letter to the two Yearly Meetings in New England asking if the time had not come for closer association of all Friends in New England. It is a source of satisfaction to us, accordingly, that the goal of union is now in sight, and we unite with the other bodies of Friends in the conviction that our common testimony to the principles of

Quakerism will be strengthened by the union. We remember that George Fox wrote in his Journal nearly three centuries ago: 'the Lord opened unto me, and let me see a great people in white raiment by a river side, coming to the Lord; and the place that I saw them in was about Wensleydale and Sedbergh'. Living in a day of elaborate organization, we have no desire to rival either the complexity or the regidity of human forms of association. It is rather a vision of many seekers to be gathered in New England as Fox saw them in Old England that has drawn us closer to Friends everywhere."

This Monthly Meeting has previously given its endorsement of this action and it is only necessary now to record this minute and comp with the obligations of membership in the New England Yearly Meetin of Friends after the legal requirements are completed. It was suggested that it would reduce complications in making reports if our fiscal year is changed to the calendar year to conform to that of other meetings. The Meeting approved this change to take effect this year.

The Clerk reporting for the Committee on the Quaker Lane Grounds asked authorization to use up to $250 to investigate recor and to clean up the grounds. If this entire sum is not used, it i recommended that the balance be held for future use. The Meeting approved.

The question of distributing finances was brought up and afte some discussion the Meeting approved sending the following amounts
To the New England American Friends Service Committee, $25;
To the National Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Prison, $100; and to the American Friends Service Committee, $200.

Carol DeCou has requested dual membership in this Meeting, retaining her membership in Moorestown Meeting, New Jersey. The Meet ing acceded to the request and welcomed her into membership. For some years she has been ably assisting the Meeting in printing the Bulletin.

After June 11 the Sunday morning Meetings for Worship will be omitted because of the absence of many Friends from the city, subject to the call of the Clerk. Thursday evening meetings will continue as usual.

The Meeting then concluded.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Fern Elizabeth Stowe, Recording Clerk

October 12, 1944

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular business meeting on October 12, 1944, following a meeting for worship.

Because of the removal to Philadelphia of Fern Elizabeth Stowe, the recording clerk, Ruth L. Satterthwaite was appointed acting recording clerk. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Summer and fall activities of a number of the Meeting committees were reported and discussed. The Service and Peace Committee recommended that a financial contribution be sent to the Interracial Council of Greater Hartford; it was decided that $3.00 be sent. The Program Committee reported that no programmed meeting was planned for this month because of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The Education Committee was asked to bring to the next monthly meeting specific recommendations for a study group for the year ahead. Thomas Harvey reported informally for the Committee on the Quaker Lane Grounds; he discussed legal aspects of the matter. The Sewing Committee reported that meetings would resume within the next two or three weeks after the summer recess.

Since Alexander Purdy reported that he would be unable to attend the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Holyoke, Massachusetts, on October 22, the clerk was authorized to name a representative.

The clerk was asked to write a letter to Robbins W. Barstow, expressing the meeting's regret at his retirement from the presidency of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and thanking him for his interest in the Meeting in the past.

Franklin E. and Ruth L. Satterthwaite reported briefly on the Friends General Conference which they attended in June at Cape May, New Jersey.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the regular time next month.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite

Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Acting
Recording Clerk

November 9, 1944.

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Hartranft Hall on November 9, 1944:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

The Committee on the Quaker Lane Grounds reported progress; a map has been prepared of the grounds.

G. Herbert and Cassandra C. White reported that they attended the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Holyoke, Massachusetts, on October 22.

The Overseers presented several requests for membership, as follows:

Henry Paul and Hannah Yarnall Cleaver requested membership, at the same time desiring to retain their membership in Swarthmore Monthly Meeting. Before accepting them into dual membership, it was decided that we should obtain Swarthmore Meeting's willingness to this proposal.

Frances B. DeCou requested membership and she also desires to have a dual membership. She is a member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting, and the clerk was directed to write to this meeting also asking their permission for such a step on our part.

A minute was received from the Amesbury Monthly Meeting, transferring the membership of Lillian Fox to the Hartford Meeting. The meeting was very happy to receive her into membership.

Edmund and Adelyn Purdy Jones requested that their daughter, Linda Margaret Jones, born October 26, 1944, be enrolled as an associate member. Linda's name will be sent to the Recorder for registration.

The clerk read a sojourning minute on behalf of Carl J. and Augusta Spickler Peterson from Westtown Monthly Meeting requesting the "kind Christian interest of Friends in the neighborhood".

Alexander Purdy reported that he attended Canada Yearly Meeting in June and Western Yearly Meeting in August and that he gave addresses at both gatherings.

During an informal discussion regarding Education Committee activities, it was suggested that the name of Augusta S. Peterson be added to that committee.

Paul Butterworth was appointed a representative to the meeting of the American Friends Service Committee to be held in New York on December 1 and 2.

The Sewing Committee reported that they had resumed meetings after a summer vacation.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the regular time next month.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Ruth S. Satterthwaite, Acting Recording
Clerk

December 14, 1944

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Hartranft Hall December 14, 1944, following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections made.

Cassandra C. White reported for the Overseers that a transferal of membership had been received for Frank S. Rathbun from the Windsor Avenue Congregational Church. The meeting accepted him into membership with many expressions of welcome.

A committee composed of the Overseers, the Treasurer, Paul Butterworth and Jeannette H. Purdy was appointed to prepare a budget for the expenditure of the meeting's funds and to present it at the January monthly meeting.

Alexander C. Purdy reported for the Program Committee that Payson Miller, minister of the Unitarian Meeting House of Hartford addressed the meeting December 7 on "An Interpretation of Mysticism".

George H. Shaw, Mabel C. Bailey and Franklin E. Satterthwaite were appointed as a nominating committee to suggest officers and committees for 1945, and report at the January meeting.

The meeting approved the contribution of $5.00 as its share of the expenses of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held on October 22. Jeannette H. Purdy reported that arrangements have been made to have the Quarterly Meeting meet at the Hartford Seminary on May 13.

Jeannette H. Purdy reported that she attended the meeting of the Continuation Committee for the New England Yearly Meeting in Cambridge on December 8 and 9.

Paul Butterworth read a letter from Thomas R. Bodine dated December 5 in which Tom told of a trip he plans to make to the high school students in the Japanese Relocation Camps.

Edith C. Clapp reported a concern that the meeting be represented on the Executive Committee of the Interracial Council of Greater Hartford. The matter was referred to the Service and Peace Committee for action.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth S. Satterthwaite, Acting Recording Clerk

January 11, 1945.

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Hartranft Hall on January 11, 1945, following the meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections made.

The treasurer, G. Herbert White, reported as follows:

	General Fund	Refugee Fund	Bodine Fund	C.P.S. Fund	Quaker Lane Fund	Total
Balance 10-1-43	343.99	155.61	163.00	23.65		686.25
Rec'd to 1-1-45	1152.19		466.00	384.80	250.00	2252.99
	1496.18	155.61	629.00	408.45	250.00	2939.24
Expenditures to 1-1-45	939.45	00.00	600.00	377.45	84.00	2000.90
Balance 1-1-45	556.73	155.61	29.00	31.00	166.00	938.34

Thomas P. Harvey reported that he had audited the treasurer's accounts and had "achieved the same mathematical result". He suggested that the meeting should consider securing a professional accountant to handle the meeting's financial affairs.

Cassandra C. White reported for the Overseers as follows:

"The province and functions of the Overseers of the Hartford Monthly Meeting have never been clearly defined. Their activities do not lend themselves to a written or even verbal report. It can be said, however, that the Overseers have been under the burden of their office, and carried it to the best of their ability.

"They have responded to calls of a varied nature, from addresses (streets and numbers) to advice. Letters have been written, calls made, hospitality offered and accepted. Within the past few weeks several new memberships have been considered and approved.

"This month the Overseers, with the treasurer, have considered the budget for the coming year, and present one for your further suggestion and action.

"For the Overseers,

(Signed) Cassandra C. White"

Alexander C. Purdy, chairman of the Program Committee, gave the following report:

"Since it is no longer feasible to hold supper meetings or dinner meetings our program has had to be adjusted to this situation. Perhaps we have suffered in attendance from this and other causes, but on the whole the response has been good. This report covers the period from the Autumn of 1943 to the present, due to the change in our year. The speakers have been as follows:

October 10, 1943 - Thomas Bodine, Japanese-American problems.

November 14, 1943 - Cornelius Kruse who spoke to us about his South American trip.

January 27, 1944 - Mr. Napoleon Dotson who discussed race relations in the city of Hartford.

February 20, 1944 - Mrs. Lewis Rose who told us about UNRRA.

April 20 - Paul Swett on the CPS Camps.

December 7 - the Rev. Payson Miller whose subject was "An Interpretation of Mysticism".

"We are indebted to our speakers for helpful and stimulating addresses.

(Signed) Alexander C. Purdy"

Cassandra C. White as chairman of the News and Publicity Committee reported the issuance of five bulletins during the past year.

No annual reports were given for the Hospitality, Service and Peace, Education, or Sewing Committees.

The clerk read a letter from Robert B. and Marjanne Walker asking that their daughter, Deborah, born December 7, 1944, be enrolled as an associate member. The meeting was very happy to grant this request.

The clerk read a letter from Richard P. Wood, clerk of Moorestown Monthly Meeting, regarding the applications for dual memberships in our meeting of Carolyn and Frances DeCou. Richard P. Wood stated that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is opposed to dual membership and suggested that perhaps Hartford would accept them as associate members. This matter was held over for discussion next month.

The Nominating Committee presented its report. No chairman was suggested for the Service and Peace Committee; the meeting decided that the committee itself should meet and choose its chairman. Several names were added to the lists. The final report is as follows:

Overseers: Cassandra C. White
Moses Bailey
Alice E. Jorgensen
Thomas P. Harvey

Clerk: Paul Butterworth
Recording Clerk: Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Treasurer: G. Herbert White
Recorder: Alice E. Jorgensen

Finance Committee: Treasurer and chairmen of money-expending committees.

Auditor: Thomas P. Harvey

Program Committee: Alexander C. Purdy
Franklin E. Satterthwaite
Paul P. Swett

Hospitality Committee: Mabel G. Bailey
Hannah Y. Cleaver
Elizabeth Shaw
Virginia Costales

Service and Peace Committee: George and Ethel Halford
Edith C. Clapp
Bernard C. Wojan
H. Paul Cleaver
Howard and Rosemary Harris
William Rawley

Education Committee: Jeannette H. Purdy
William and Florence Greene
Edith C. Clapp
Elmer Brown
Carl and Augusta Peterson

News and Publicity: Cassandra C. White

Sewing Committee: Ruth H. Kirk

Quaker Lane Grounds Committee: Thomas P. Harvey
Paul Butterworth
Frank S. Rathbun
George H. Shaw
H. Paul Cleaver

The Budget Committee suggested for 1945 a budget of $520, $320 of itemized expenses and $200 of unspecified contributions. It is as follows:

Hartford Seminary Foundation	$100.00	
Janitor	10.00	
Bulletin & secretarial expense	75.00	
Program - expense for speakers	50.00	
Sewing	30.00	
Hospitality	25.00	
Delegates to conferences	25.00	
Literature	5.00	320.00
Contributions authorized		200.00
		520.00

The meeting adjourned to meet at the regular time next month.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

March 8, 1945

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hartranft Hall on March 8, 1945, following the meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. No monthly meeting was held in February owing to bad weather.

Cassandra C. White reported for the Overseers that there was some difficulty in acting on the matter of the DeCou memberships, since the associate membership suggested by Richard Wood is held in our meeting only by minors. The meeting asked that the overseers decide on a solution and present it at the next meeting.

The overseers also reported that Swarthmore Meeting is very willing that we accept Henry Paul and Hannah Yarnall Cleaver into dual membership. The Hospitality Committee was asked to welcome the Cleavers into the meeting.

Jeannette H. Purdy reported for the Education Committee that young Friends are meeting for several weeks at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays to study the biographies of Friends. She also stated that the entire meeting is making a study of Alexander C. Purdy's "Jesus as His Followers Knew Him" each Sunday after meeting.

Alexander C. Purdy reported that the Program Committee has arranged no program this month except a social gathering with box supper on March 22, to be held at the Purdy's.

Edith C. Clapp reported that the Peace and Service Committee has met twice since the first of the year, and that another meeting is to be in Hartranft Hall on Tuesday evening, March 13. The Committee is considering the minorities problem, and will have four or five visitors present at the meeting who are working with minority groups in the north end of Hartford.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that the Fifteenth Street New York Yearly Meeting of Friends would consider the matter of the Hartford lot on the afternoon of March 28.

The treasurer, G. Herbert White, introduced the matter of expenditure of funds. It was decided to appoint a new Finance Committee to advise on expenditures, the new committee to be composed of the treasurer, clerk, and one other person, to be decided by the first two named.

G. Herbert White resigned as treasurer. Appreciation of his services was expressed. Franklin E. Satterthwaite was appointed to succeed him.

The meeting approved the reappointment of the Nominating Committee, appointed in December, to serve for the remainder of the year. This committee is composed of George H. Shaw, Mabel G. Bailey, and Franklin E. Satterthwaite.

A letter was received from the Foreign Service Section of the American Friends Service Committee stating that Thomas R. Bodine has been appointed to serve in France. Tom Bodine has completed his work with the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, and the members and friends of Hartford Meeting are asked to now consider his support in the new field. This will amount to approximately $600 a year.

A letter from Leslie Barrett was read, stating that an enlarged New England Area American Friends Service Committee was being considered and asking that we send suggestions for new members. Since two of our members are already A.F.S.C. members, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the regular time next month

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite

Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording
Clerk

April 12, 1945

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hartranft Hall on April 12, 1945, following the meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The clerk reported that the Finance Committee is now composed of the clerk, the treasurer, G. Herbert White, and Cassandra C. White.

A minute to cover the cost of contributed services by members of the meeting was suggested by the treasurer, and it was approved by the meeting, as follows: The treasurer may receive contributions for specific purposes consistent with the principles of the Society of Friends or the welfare of the meeting. Such funds may be expended without appropriation by the meeting.

The treasurer, Franklin E. Satterthwaite, also discussed in more detail the budget which was approved in January. The final form is as follows:

Budget for 1945

General Fund		
General Expenses		
Bulletins and secretarial	$75	
Operating (Janitor)	10	
Program	50	
Hospitality	25	
Delegate to Conferences	25	
Literature	5	
Education Committee	100	
		$290
Quota to Yearly Meeting		100
Peace and Service Committee		100
Sewing Committee		30
Contributions		
Hartford Seminary Foundation	100	
American Friends Service Committee	250	
A.F.S.C. (New England)	25	
Fellowship Council	25	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25	
Conscientious Objectors in Prison	100	
Hartford Federation of Churches	25	
Save the Children Federation	25	
Minor Contributions	25	
		600
Total General Fund		1,120.00
On hand January 1, 1945		556.73
Needed		563.27

Refugee Fund

Budget	$275.00
On hand January 1, 1945	155.61
Needed	119.39

It was recommended by the overseers and approved by the meeting that Frances DeCou be accepted as a dual member. Cassandra C. White and Mabel G. Bailey were appointed to welcome her into the meeting.

Thomas R. Bodine requested through the overseers a minute to take abroad. The following was approved by the meeting:

" Hartford, Connecticut
April 12, 1945

To Friends within the Yearly Meeting of London and France:

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, which is of the New England Yearly Meeting, in the United States of America, commends to Friends in England and France, Thomas Bodine, our fellow member in good standing, hoping that he may strengthen the bonds of thought and of service which unite us.

Signed on behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Paul Butterworth, Clerk "

The following minute was also prepared by the overseers and approved by the meeting:

" Hartford, Connecticut
April 12, 1945

To the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends of the Five Years Meeting:

Dear Friends:

Our fellow members, Paul Butterworth and Thomas P. Harvey, hope to meet with you in your annual session in Sixth Month. We commend them to you, hoping that their presence with you may further unite us in common service.

Signed on behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk "

The Hospitality Committee reported that a call was made on H. Paul and Hannah Y. Cleaver to welcome them into the meeting.

Thomas P. Harvey requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Atwood Collins and William Bulkley for their assistance in preparing the quit-claim deed of the Quaker Lane grounds. The clerk was directed to send a letter.

Marguerite Bailey requested that her name be removed from our lists as a dual member (with Falmouth Monthly Meeting, her home meeting) as she is transferring her membership to the Methodist Church, prior to her marriage to Frank G. Kelly, a minister in that church.

The recorder, Alice E. Jorgensen, read the meeting a report she is sending to the New England Yearly Meeting. A condensation follows:

Statistics for Hartford Monthly Meeting for 1944

Membership	Active	Associate
Number of members last year	42	7
Additions by birth and request of parents		3
Additions by request	2	
Additions by letter	3	
Total additions	5	3
Number of members this year	47	10
Miscellaneous		
Number of males	22	4
Number of females	25	6
Number of resident members	38	
Number of non-resident members	9	
Number of resident recorded ministers	2	
Number of members in Friends Service Work	1	
Number of particular meetings	1	
Number of Monthly Meetings	1	

Educational	
Number of Friends engaged in teaching in past year	7
Number of Friends in college in past year	2
Number of Friends in professional schools	4
Number graduating from high school and academies	1
Number graduating from college and name of college	1 Haverford

The Education Committee reported that Nursery School is now being held during Sunday meeting. Marjorie R. Smith is the teacher.

The Yearly Meeting has requested that we form a Meeting for Ministry and Council. As members, the meeting appointed the overseers, and the two members of Hartford Monthly Meeting who are recorded ministers of the Yearly Meeting, Alexander C. Purdy and Moses Bailey.

The Program Committee reported that James A. Coney, Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting of Friends of New England, will speak to our group on Thursday, April 19, after the meeting for worship. He plans to tell of his work with the mountaineers in Tennessee.

Cassandra C. White has resigned as chairman of the News and Publicity Committee and the Nominating Committee was requested to appoint her successor.

The meeting adjourned after a moment of silence, to meet at the usual time next month.

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Recording Clerk

May 10, 1945

The business meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 10, 1945, in Hartranft Hall at the Hartford Theological Seminary at 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The treasurer gave his report.

A letter has been sent to Thomas R. Bodine informing him that the Meeting has allocated funds to help two Japanese-American students with their education. A letter has been received from Ben Sanematsu expressing his appreciation for this assistance. He hopes eventually to teach in either a high school or junior college. A letter has also been received from Michael Hoshiko, a Canadian Nisi, who has been accepted at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, and is waiting to obtain permission to enter the United States. Funds have been forwarded to Ben Sanematsu in California but funds will not be sent to Michael Hoshiko until he has entered the United States. The Refugee Fund is now exhausted.

It was reported that funds for the Thomas R. Bodine Fund are still coming in. About $65 have been received recently. $300.00 were forwarded to the American Friends Service Committee for Thomas R. Bodine leaving on hand a balance of $75. $750.00 will be needed for the coming year.

The report on the condition of the Hartford Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting was read and approved as corrected. It was suggested that the questions sent down to the monthly meetings by the Yearly Meeting be reorganized.

The Hospitality Committee reported that plans for the entertainment of the Quarterly Meeting were complete.

The Education Committee reported that the Nursery School is in progress, the Young People's class is completed and the Adult class has one more meeting.

The Program Committee reported that James A. Coney spoke on the March program meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Service and Peace Committee reported that the work camp project has been postponed until fall.

A letter of appreciation was sent by the clerk to Atwood Collins and William Bulkeley for their work toward clearing the title to the Quaker Lane Grounds.

Rachel C. Nason requested that her name be removed from the membership list as she now has dual membership in Washington and Plymouth Meetings. This was approved by the Monthly Meeting and the clerk will inform her of this action.

Adalyn P. Jones, Acting Recording Clerk

June 12, 1945

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hartranft Hall On June 12, 1945, following the meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

The clerk reported that a letter was sent to Rachel Nason stating that her name has been removed from the membership list due to her transfer to the Washington, D. C., meeting.

The treasurer gave a brief report. The meeting decided to allocate funds not to exceed $100.00 to carry the Tom Bodine Fund until winter. This allocation, if necessary, is to be made from the budgeted funds for the American Friends Service Committee.

The meeting approved the sending of $50.00 to the Quarterly Meeting for the past fiscal year (1944-45).

The Education Committee reported that the adult class was finished, and that the Nursery School is going on as usual.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that the Twentieth Street New York Yearly Meeting now has the information necessary to pass a resolution concerning the quit claim deed.

The meeting approved that $10.00 be sent to help with the expenses of the Junior Yearly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held this month.

It was decided that meetings for worship be held throughout the summer on Sunday morning and that the Thursday evening meetings be discontinued. The time of the Sunday meetings will be decided on the first Sunday following monthly meeting. It is planned that the Nursery School will be held during the summer.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at the regular time in September.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording
Clerk

September 16, 1945

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened for business by special appointment on Sunday, September 16, 1945, notices having been sent to all members a week in advance.

The reading of the minutes was postponed to a later date, and, in the absence of the recording clerk, Mabel G. Bailey was asked to serve for the day.

After some general discussion it was agreed that for the monthly meeting on October eleventh a program should be planned; detailed arrangements were left with the program and hospitality committees.

The Service Committee expressed concern for the financial needs of European Friends, especially such as have been in concentration camps.

Cassandra White reported for the Overseers, who, having received requests from W. Wendell and Jean M. Klepper for membership in this meeting, and having letters commending them to us from their former meetings, heartily approve of receiving them into our fellowship. The meeting, concurring in the report of the Overseers, welcomed the Kleppers into membership.

Thomas Harvey reported that quit-claim deeds to the Quaker Lane burying ground property are ready for filing in West Hartford, and that the title now rests with the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. The special committee appointed for this purpose will report later on details of caring for the property.

This meeting appoints Herbert and Cassandra White and Bernard Wogen as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held in New Haven on October twenty-first.

The Education Committee is asked to inquire about the possible further use of nursery-school equipment belonging to the Hartford Seminary.

A communication from the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee was read at this time, in which concern was expressed regarding the release of men in Civilian Public Service, and regarding military training. In accordance with this committee's suggestion that our representatives in Congress be written to about these matters, our Overseers are asked to draft and send suitable letters.

Adjourned.

Mabel G. Bailey, Recording Clerk for
the day.

October 11, 1945

At the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Tenth Month 11, 1945, at Hartranft Hall:

The minutes for the meetings in Sixth and Ninth Months were read and approved with corrections.

The Overseers reported a request by Franklin E. and Ruth L. Satterthwaite for the registration of their son, Mark Allen Satterthwaite, as an Associate Member of the meeting. The meeting accepted this request for membership. Mark Allen Satterthwaite was born September 14, 1945.

The Overseers reported that they had considered the preparation of letters to our representatives in Congress, and to the President, regarding the release of draftees from the Civilian Public Service, and the release of conscientious objectors who have been sent to prison. They are continuing to consider thismatter and will prepare and forward the letters as soon as possible.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported contemplated expenditures of $225 to clean up the cemetery grounds. The meeting appropriated $100 additional for the use of this committee.

The Program Committee suggested a programmed meeting in November consisting of reports of the Five Years Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. For December they are planning to have a meeting on Work Camps, with a discussion led by Thomas Purdy and Howard Harris.

The Education Committee presented an outline of a Study Program for the adult discussion group. The text books suggested were "Guide to Quaker Practice" by Howard H. Brinton and the Commission Statements of the Five Years Meeting, general subject "The Message of Christ for Today--Through Friends". They suggested that the stud be broken down in five sections as follows:

I. Combine I Practice and Belief, II Structure, and Commission V World Outreach.
II. Combine III Meeting for Worship, and Commission I Worship and Evangelism.
III. Combine IV Meeting for Business, and Commission VI Economics in the Financing of Friends' Work.
IV. Combine V The Ministry of Teaching, and Commission IV Christian Nurture.
V. Combine VI Social Testimonies, and Commission II Social Order, and Commission III Peace.

The meeting approved their making definite arrangements to put this program into effect.

The Education Committee reported on the possibility of holding a Nursery School during the meeting hour on Sunday morning for the coming year. It appeared doubtful that it would be practical to do this since there do not seem to be more than one or two children who can attend regularly. The meeting expressed their appreciation to Marjorie Smith for her very excellent work in supervising the Nursery School last year and over the summer.

Howard Harris reported on the Hartford Work Camp project. One meeting has been held this fall and the prospects appear good for a successful season in connection with this project. The Peace and Service Committee was asked to study the organization of this project with particular reference to the raising of the necessary funds to carry on the project.

A social hour followed the meeting, and refreshments were serve by the Hospitality Committee.

Franklin E Satterthwaite

Franklin E. Satterthwaite,
Recording Clerk for the Day

HARTFORD TIMES, October 23, 1945.

Old Quaker Cemetery Title Changes Hands

Deeds have been filed by Paul Butterworth, with the town clerk of West Hartford, transferring the title of the old Quaker Cemetery on the east side of South Quaker Lane, between the Boulevard and Kingswood Road, from the New York Religious Society of Friends to the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends. Mr. Butterworth is clerk of the Hartford Meeting.

West Hartford

The cemetery, now about an acre, was originally part of a farm owned by Charles and Elisha Gilbert. In 1799 the Gilberts deeded the plot to the "Society of Friends known as Quakers." There are about 40 graves in the cemetery. At one time there was a meeting house, or church, on the northwest corner and a schoolhouse on the southwest corner of the lot, while much of the rest was used as a burying ground. Among the families who belonged to the Quaker Meeting were the Gilberts, Arnolds, Cadwells, Sedgwicks, Edgertons and Whitings. John Greenleaf Whittier belonged to the group when he lived in Hartford as editor of the New England Review from 1830 to 1832.

The early Quaker Meeting had been established under the auspices of Quakers from New York State, and the original trustees of the property lived in New York. Just when the local Meeting ceased to exist is unknown. The property could not be managed from New York, and the schoolhouse was for several years leased to a Public School District of Hartford for a rental of six cents per year. In 1842 the meeting house was used by the present St. James Episcopal Church. In 1852 Benjamin Gilbert purchased the two buildings and had them hauled by ox teams to the west side of Quaker Lane, where they were combined into a dwelling, which was later destroyed by fire.

The present Friends Meeting, incorporated in 1942, assisted by the descendants of those who are buried in the cemetery, intends to clear away the present rank growth of weeds and maintain the plot in orderly fashion in the future.

November 8, 1945

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held Eleventh Month 8, 1945, in Hartranft Hall, following the meeting for worship:

In the absence of the clerk, Alexander C. Purdy was appointed to act for the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Overseers reported for a sub-committee composed of Thomas P. Harvey, H. Paul Cleaver and Francis Brown, that the matter of sending letters to representatives in Congress concerning C.P.S. had been considered further, and that no action had been taken, since the American Friends Service Committee advised that this problem should be handled directly by the Committee. The meeting approved this report.

The treasurer made a short report on funds on hand and their use.

The Education Committee reported that the study program was started on First Day, Eleventh Month 4.

The Program Committee reported that further plans were being made for the meeting on Eleventh Month 15 at which Elmer Brown and Jeannette H. Purdy will give reports on the Five Years Meeting held in Richmond, Indiana, in Tenth Month.

G. Herbert and Cassandra C. White reported that they attended Quarterly Meeting in New Haven as representatives on Tenth Month 21, and that the third representative, Bernard Wogen, was also present. A fuller report was postponed until next monthly meeting.

The date of the Spring Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford was discussed. Cassandra C. White was directed to write the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting that we suggest that the date as printed in the Yearly Meeting Minutes, namely the last First Day in Fourth Month, be the time for our spring Quarterly Meeting (4-28-46).

Cassandra C. White reported that several copies of the minutes of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends were available for distribution to our members.

After a period of quiet, the meeting adjourned to meet the second Fifth Day in Twelfth Month.

Alexander C. Purdy, Acting Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

December 20, 1945

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held Twelfth Month 20, 1945, at the home of Alexander G. and Jeannette H. Purdy, following a short period of silence:

In the absence of the clerk, Alexander G. Purdy was appointed acting clerk. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

The meeting first considered matters that arose from the reading of the Eleventh Month minutes. Casandra C. White reported that she had written the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting suggesting Fourth Month 28th as the date for the Spring Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford. Cassandra C. White and G. Herbert White gave a short report on the Tenth Month Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven. The Program Committee reported that the Eleventh Month 15th programmed meeting was held, preceded by dinner at the Seminary.

The treasurer gave a short report. It was decided that the meeting should donate an additional amount to the Seminary Foundation, specifically for the School of Religious Education, for the use of the Nursery School room. It was also agreed that an appropriation of $100 should be made to the American Friends Service Committee for the Civilian Public Service fund.

The overseers presented a request for dual membership by Ellen A. Winslow and recommended that it be approved. She has been a member for 85 years of Forest Avenue Monthly Meeting in Portland, Maine, and now resides in Springfield, Massachusetts. The meeting accepted this recommendation.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that the grounds have been cleaned of rubbish, brush and weeds. The Committee recommended that the fence surrounding the grounds be painted soon.

The Education Committee reported that the young people and adults have continued their discussions.

The Nominating Committee suggested that the meeting appoint a chairman for the balance of this year for the Peace and Service Committee. W. Wendell Clepper was appointed. Howard Harris reported briefly on the program of the work camp in the Women's League Building, the work camp having been active on alternate Saturdays since Tenth Month 6.

Paul Butterworth asked the meeting to consider several causes for inclusion in the 1946 budget. Various opinions were expressed and they will be used by the Finance Committee in preparing the budget.

The question of continuing Thursday Evening meetings was considered and will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in First Month.

Alexander C. Purdy, Acting Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

January 10, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 10, 1946, at Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

Annual reports were given by all committees, as follows.

The Overseers reported:

"The concern of the Overseers during the past year has been to be of help to the members of the Meeting wherever opportunity offered.

"Calls were made to those who were ill or shut in, and letters were written to the absent members.

"Welcome was extended to new attenders.

"The official business of the Overseers such as applications for membership has been carefully considered and as occasion required reported to the Monthly Meeting.

(Signed) Cassandra C. White, for the
Overseers"

The Nominating Committee made the following nominations, which were approved by the meeting:

Overseers: Cassandra C. White
Moses Bailey
Alice E. Jorgensen
Thomas P. Harvey
Clerk: Paul Butterworth
Recording Clerk: Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Treasurer: Franklin E. Satterthwaite
Recorder: Alice E. Jorgensen
Finance Committee: Paul Butterworth (Clerk)
Franklin E. Satterthwaite (Treasurer)
W. Wendell Clepper
Auditor: Thomas P. Harvey
Program Committee: Mabel G. Bailey, chairman
Alexander C. Purdy
Glenn Roberts
Paul Swett
Hospitality Committee: Bernice Smith, chairman
Libby Butterworth
Hannah Y. Cleaver
Virginia Costales
Alice E. Jorgensen
Elizabeth Shaw
Marjorie Smith

Peace and Service Committee: W. Wendell Clepper, chairman
Paul Butterworth
Edith C. Clapp
H. Paul Cleaver
Frances DeCou
George F. & Ethel Halford
Howard & Rosemary Harris
Zora Roberts
William Rawley
Bernard Wojan

Education Committee: Jean Clepper, chairman
William A. & Florence Greene
Jeannette H. Purdy
Elmer Brown

News and Publicity Committee: Adalyn P. Jones, chairman
Carol DeCou

Sewing Committee: Ruth H. Kirk

Quaker Lane Grounds Committee:
Thomas P. Harvey
Paul Butterworth
Frank S. Rathbun
George H. Shaw
H. Paul Cleaver

Nominating Committee: G. Herbert White, chairman
Edith C. Clapp
H. Paul Cleaver

The treasurer reported:

"Attached is a statement of the financial transactions of the meeting for the calendar year 1945. We were successful in raising all the funds necessary to meet the expenditures we planned during the year. In looking over this report it should be kept in mind that we started off the year with an abnormally large balance in the general funds and that some of our income during the year was of a non-recurring nature.

"Besides the general funds of the meeting the treasurer has handled the funds for a number of special projects being carried on both officially and unofficially by the meeting and its members.

"The treasurer wishes to thank the members of the meeting and the friends of the meeting for the cooperation they have given him in forwarding funds promptly.

(Signed) Franklin E. Satterthwaite,
Treasurer"

"Treasurer's Report, 1/1/45 to 12/31/45.

	On hand 1/1	Income	Disbursements	On hand 12/31	1945 Budget
General Funds	$561.73	$651.77	($1,089.53)	$123.97	($1,120.00)
Operating			100.00		110.00
Travel			-		25.00
Bulletins			117.87		75.00
Education			25.98		100.00
Hospitality			20.00		25.00
Literature			-		5.00
Programs			35.00		50.00
Sewing			24.68		30.00
Peace & Service			-		100.00
Hartford Work Camp			100.00		-
Superior Meetings			75.00		100.00

(continued)	On hand 1/1	Income	Disbursements	On hand 12/31	1945 Budget
A.F.S.C.			160.00		250.00
New England Section			25.00		25.00
Tom Bodine			90.00		-
Civilian Public Service			100.00		-
Nat'l Comm. for Conscientious Objectors			100.00		100.00
Other Contributions			116.00		125.00
Restricted Funds					
Refugees	155.61	50.00	175.00	30.61	-
A.F.S.C.	-	55.50	55.50	-	-
Tom Bodine	29.00	631.00	660.00	-	750.00
C.P.S.	31.00	456.00	487.00	-	-
Quaker Lane	166.00	150.00	89.00	227.00	-
H. Work Camp	-	110.00	-	110.00	-
Other	-	231.60	46.60	185.00	-
Total	943.34	2335.87	2602.63	676.58	"

The auditor reported that the treasurer's accounts had been audited and found satisfactory. The possibility was discussed that next year a professional auditor be engaged.

The Peace and Service Committee reported:

"During 1945 the Peace and Service Committee has developed and carried out a concern to provide opportunity for Hartford young people to have a Saturday afternoon and evening inter-racial work camp experience. Throughout the spring the idea grew, a visit was made to a similar project in New Haven, and three meetings were held with leaders of the North End community. At one of these meetings young people interested in such a project were present, and definite plans were made for the first Saturday work camp series.

"The project undertaken by this first camp was the cleaning and painting of a large room on North Main Street to be used as a neighborhood recreation center in connection with the program of the North End Community Center. On two different Saturdays a group including seminary students, young people from various Hartford churches, and leaders and young people from the North End community (averaging 4 besides leadership each time) met to work and play together.

"In the fall, conferences with leaders in the North End community seemed to indicate that a continuation of the work camp program would be successful. From October to December inclusive a work camp session was held every other Saturday, six sessions in all, with an average attendance of four, exclusive of leadership. Each session was inter-racial in character, and those participating had a good time and a satisfying experience of cooperative group effort. The project of cleaning and painting two rooms used in the nursery school carried on by the Women's League was completed December 15.

"The Work Camp program has met with a great deal of interest on the part of young people's leaders and those interested in inter-racial activity. The greatest difficulty has been in finding those young people interested enough consistently to attend. If this can be done, the Work Camp appears to have definite possibilities for Hartford.

"The Peace and Service Committee has also sponsored the sending of food packages to Tom Bodine in Paris. Boxes are available and food may be left at 99 Sherman Street, Apartment 4, where packing will be done.

(Signed) Howard L. Harris, Chairman"

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that the grounds have been cleaned and recleaned, that signs are being posted asking persons not to dump refuse, and that money is needed for the purchase of poison ivy exterminator and care such as mowing.

The Hospitality Committee reported:

"The Hospitality Committee has served in whatever way was needed during the past year. It has arranged for occasional Monthly Meeting suppers, Quarterly Meeting dinner and over-night entertainment of representatives, and has called on a few newcomers and C.P.S. men and their families.

"The committee appreciates the help that has been given by other members of the meeting.

(Signed) Mabel G. Bailey, chairman"

The Program Committee reported

"Your Program Committee arranged the following programs for the year 1945:

January 25. Dr. J. C. Field on "Cooperatives".
February 22. Thomas Bodine on his work with the A.F.S.C.
March 22. Box supper at the Purdy's (in cooperation with the Hospitality Committee).
October 11. Social hour, following business meeting (in cooperation with Hospitality Committee).
November 15. Report of the Five Years Meeting by Jeannette Purdy and Elmer Brown.
December 20. Box supper at the Purdy's. Talks by Howard Harris and Tom Purdy (in cooperation with Hospitality Committee).

(Signed) A. C. Purdy, Chairman"

The Sewing Committee reported:

"The Sewing Committee has met and sewed faithfully during the past year. There were usually two meetings a month with the exception of the three summer months.

"Materials have been bought through the American Friends Service Committee when possible. Warm wool dresses were made for young girls, and cotton dresses for children in many sizes. There was underwear and nightclothes, and babies' jackets and blankets. Sweaters made at home were added and all packed and shipped to the

American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia when finished.
(Signed) Cassandra C. White, for the
Sewing Committee"

The Librarian reported the addition of several new books throughout the year.

The Education Committee reported:

"The Education Committee has sponsored two courses for adults during the year, one last spring using the book "Jesus as His Followers Knew Him" by Alexander C. Purdy; and another this fall using "The Message of Christ for Today - Through Friends", the Commission Statements of the Five Years Meeting, and "Guide to Quaker Practice by Howard H. Brinton. Different members of the meeting have led the discussions.

"Some concerns developed from these discussions which the committee was to bring to the Monthly Meeting for consideration. I.- Should we as Friends feel a concern to work in Russia and to carry our message to the Russian people? II.- There are people around us who are not congenial in any group or are not reached by any group. How can Friends reach out to them and help them?

"A nursery school was started last spring and continued throug the summer with a very small attendance. As there are not enough children to conduct it every Sunday it was decided to try it about once a month this winter. The committee wishes to express its appreciation of the time and work Marjorie Smith put into it.

"The Young People have had a discussion group on Tuesday evenings convened by Elmer H. Brown. His report follows:

"'A group of approximately 12 Seminary students, with an Occasional guest, have held a number of meetings on Tuesday evenings throughout the first semester. As a basis for discussion the group has used "The Message of Christ for Today--Through Friends", the commission statements issued in preparation for the Five Years Meeting. Several meetings were devoted to the first commission, Worship and Evangelism. The discussions have been very stimulating and provocative, and a general feeling has been expressed that these meetings have been worth-while.

(Signed) Elmer H. Brown'

"The committee suggests that the adult class study "Faith and Practice", the new proposed discipline for the Five Years Meeting after finishing the study of the "Message of Christ for Today--Through Friends".

"On behalf of the Education Committee,
(Signed) Jeannette H. Purdy, chairman"

The News and Publicity Committee reported:

"Four Bulletins were published in 1945 in May, June, October and December. Notices of special meetings were sent out to members and interested attenders.

"The editor wishes to express appreciation for all the co-operation and news contributions received.

"On behalf of the Committee,
(Signed) Adalyn P. Jones"

The Recorder reported two withdrawals, six new members, and two new associate members during 1945.

The Finance Committee reported:

"The Finance Committee has considered the items which it will be necessary to budget for the coming year. From the general funds of the meeting it will probably be necessary to make the following expenditures:

Operating	$110
Bulletins	100
Education Committee	10
Hospitality Committee	20
Literature	10
Program Committee	50
Sewing Committee	25
Peace and Service Committee	50
Superior Meetings	125
Hartford Federation of Churches	25
Minor contributions	25
	$550

"The above expenditures are of approximately the same magnitude as our income during the past year for general purposes.

"It is hoped that the Quaker Lane Committee will be able to finance the care of the Quaker Lane grounds from the funds it has on hand and the contributions it may receive during the year for that purpose.

"The Hartford Work Camp will require substantial funds during the year and it is hoped that the friends who are particularly interested in this project will see that it receives the necessary financial support.

"The committee that has raised funds for Tom Bodine is planning to continue the support of this work to the extent of $50 a month.

"Funds for the Civilian Public Service and for the National Committee for Conscientious Objectors will still be needed during the coming year, but we hope that the need will not be as great as it has been in the past.

"The financial committee would like to place before the meeting the concern that during the coming year we have a very strong obligation to raise substantial funds for the American Friends Service Committee. We feel that the meeting should appoint a special committee for this purpose and that this committee should seriously consider the possibility of a general solicitation in the Hartford area as well as the raising of funds from our own membership.

(Signed) Franklin E. Satterthwaite, chairman"

The meeting approved the budget in this report. It was pointed out that changes could be made from time to time. It was decided to contribute $25.00 to the Hartford Peace Center.

Following the completion of the committee reports, the question was again discussed of continuing our Thursday evening meetings for worship. The sense of the meeting was not clear, and the Overseers were asked to study the matter and bring a recommendation to the meeting at some future time.

Following a short silence, the meeting adjourned to meet at the regular time in February.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, recording clerk

February 14, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held February 14, 1946, in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Moses Bailey reported for the Overseers that, after careful consideration of the matter of Thursday evening meetings, the Overseers recommended the continuance of these meetings for the rest of the year. The meeting accepted this recommendation, and the hope was expressed that these meetings would receive the full support and attendance of the membership.

Alexander Purdy announced that the Program Committee's next event is scheduled for February 28. Jacob Feldman, secretary of the Group Work Division of the Hartford Council of Social Agencies, will speak on the recreation needs of young people in the Greater Hartford Area. Paul Butterworth suggested that friends bring food for overseas packages at that time and that the whole meeting could help fill packages under Howard Harris' supervision.

The Finance Committee's letter in the February Bulletin was discussed at length. The question was raised as to the desirability of including in this letter items other than the regular operating budget of the meeting, such as A.F.S.C., Tom Bodine, Hartford Work Camp, and the like. It was decided that this matter should be considered more fully when the 1947 budget is prepared.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on its recent meeting and made two recommendations:

1. The committee recommended that a minute be adopted urging our representatives in Congress not to renew the Selective Service Law. The meeting authorized the committee to write a letter to the proper Congressmen, the letter to be signed by the clerk of this meeting, and to be sent at an appropriate time.

2. The committee recommended that the Hartford Work Camp be

actively supported by the Hartford Monthly Meeting. The project's activities, under the leadership of Howard Harris, were discussed in some detail. The meeting postponed any decision for any definite action on this matter until the next monthly meeting, when two of our group, Paul Cleaver and Zora Roberts, will have attended a meeting of the work camp, and will be able to give us a further report.

3. The committee asked the meeting for advice as to what field their limited energies should be directed.

The meeting adjourned after a short period of silence.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

March 14, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 14, 1946, in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Program Committee reported that the meeting with Jacob Feldman occurred as planned, and that a considerable quantity of food was brought to the meeting, which was later sent to Holland. The Committee suggested as possible speakers in the near future: William Reagen of Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, Henry Cadbury of Cambridge, and Eric Johnson, also of Cambridge.

The Peace and Service Committee reported as follows:

1. After more investigation of the Hartford Work Camp, the Committee wishes to wirhdraw the recommendation made last month that the meeting sponsor the project. The Meeting accepted this decision, but individually all members have an appreciation of the work that has been accomplished by this small group of meeting members and attenders.

2. The Committee suggested a way to raise money for postage for food packages sent to Europe, by setting aside one Sunday, or one meal weekly, in which each member will eat a minimum meal (also called an austerity meal in England), the money saved to be used for postage.

3. The letter to Congressmen concerning Selective Service legislation is being circulated among Friends for suggestions.

The Education Committee discussed with the meeting the present Sunday schedule in which the adult study group follows the meeting for worship. Various suggestions were made, such as having the discussion before meeting. It was decided to continue on the present basis for the remainder of this year, but in the meantime the times of the two Sunday morning events will be investigated by the Overseers and the Education Committee, and changed next fall if it is decided that some change would be desirable. The two committees will report on this matter in May.

The Sewing Committee asked that more money be appropriated for its use, as its budgeted $25.00 has already been spent. The meeting appropriated an additional $75.00.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that the two quit-claim deeds from the two New York Yearly Meetings have been recorde by the Town of West Hartford. The deeds are to be given to the meeting's recorder, Alice E. Jorgensen, who plans to put them into her safety deposit box at the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company.

Paul Butterworth read a letter from the American Friends Service Committee, signed by him, which had gone to all 36 monthly meetings of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends concerning German relief. The Peace and Service Committee was asked to accept the responsibility of being local representatives for the A.F.S.C. in this concern.

A letter was read asking for money to make up the operating budget of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. The treasurer was directed to send our 1945-46 budgeted amount of $125.00 at once.

The meeting adjourned after a short period of silence.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

April 11, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 11, 1946, in Hartranft Hall, following the meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Overseers recommended that William Rawley be accepted into membership of the Hartford Monthly Meeting, as he has requested. The meeting approved his acceptance. Moses Bailey was appointed to welcome him, and in the meantime the recording clerk was asked to send him a note telling him of the meeting's action.

The Treasurer reported on the state of the meeting's finances, and brought to the meeting's attention several letters appealing for funds. Of these, it was decided to send $25.00 to the New

England Section of the A.F.S.C.; and $10.00 to Arthur H. Emery, jr., Box 101, Derby, Connecticut, to aid in meeting his expenses in connection with his campaign against continuance of the Selective Service Law.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that a meeting had been held April 8.

The Program Committee reported that Henry Cadbudy will be unable to come here to speak. The Committee suggested that perhaps we would like to meet with the local Fellowship of Reconciliation Group on May 2 if John M. Swomley, jr., is secured by them as speaker. This tentative plan was approved. The Committee announced that Eric Johnson, who has been in India for three years under the A.F.S.C., plans to be in Hartford on May 11 and 12. More definite plans will be published in the April Bulletin.

Howard Kershner may come to speak in Hartford on May 23 and it was suggested that the Program Committee may want to invite him to speak here in the evening, since this date falls on a Thursday.

The Sewing Committee reported that they have sent sixty articles to A.F.S.C. headquarters in Philadelphia this month. The sewings have had an average attendance of eight persons.

The Hospitality Committee stated that preliminary plans were being made for Quarterly Meeting on April 28. Dinner is to be at 1:30 in the Seminary Dining Room, tea will be served after the afternoon session, and overnight hospitality for anyone desiring it will be available.

Adalyn Purdy Jones submitted her resignation as editor of the Bulletin. Many expressions of appreciation were made of the work she has done. The Nominating Committee was directed to find a successor.

Paul Butterworth read a letter from ~~Brice~~ Bice Clemow asking whether this meeting would be willing to accept the royalities from Chester Bowles' new book, "Tomorrow Without Fear", the money to be sent by us to the Philadelphia office of the American Friends Service Committee. The meeting was appreciative of Mr. Bowles' wish to aid the A.F.S.C. and will be glad to accept and forward the funds.

The meeting adjourned after a short period of silence.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite
Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

May 4, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 4, 1946, in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected.

The Overseers reported that they had come to no conclusion regarding the meeting's Sunday program of worship and study. They offered one suggestion:; that no notices be given on Sunday morning in order to conserve that time for worship; such notices can be made by postcards to members, or in the Bulletin. Discussion followed, and the following two suggestions were made: that a Bible study class meet on Thursday evenings next winter (except on the second Thursday of each month, which is Monthly Meeting night); that a discussion group meet every Sunday morning before meeting in a different room from the one where the meeting for worship is held. The Overseers and Education Committee were asked to consider the Sunday program further.

The Program Committee reported that Eric Johnson plans to atten meeting on Sunday, May 12. No meeting was arranged in cooperation with the local F.O.R. because John M. Swomley, jr., was in Hartford on May 1, rather than May 2. The Committee also reported that Howar Kerschner now plans to be in Hartford late in June.

The Hospitality Committee reported that sixty-eight persons attending Quarterly Meeting on April 28 were served dinner by the Seminary.

The Peace and Service Committee reported a recent meeting. Howard Harris reported briefly on the work camp. Rosemary Harris stated that both food and clothing have been sent to families in Holland and to Tom Bodine in France.

The Sewing Committee reported that thirty garments were completed this month.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee gave a brief report.

The Treasurer gave a brief report. The meeting approved the sending of $25.00 each to the Wider Quaker Fellowship, and to the Friends Committee for National Legislation.

Paul Butterworth outlined a letter from the A.F.S.C. concerning an A.F.S.C. advertisement which is appealing for funds for child-feeding in Central Europe. It is hoped that this ad will appear in newspapers throughout the country and Paul Butterworth stated that it is possible that Sage-Allen of Hartford will sponsor the ad in the Hartford Times.

It was suggested that our correspondent, Alice E. Jorgensen, write to the Seminary thanking them for the use of their facilities. This was approved.

After a moment of silence, the meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Ruth Satterthwaite
Ruth Satterthwaite, Recording Clerk

June 13, 1946

At Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 13, 1946, in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The following report of the Overseers was read: "The Overseers have received a request for membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends from Robert Avery Smith and Bernice B. Smith. They request also associate membership for their three minor children, Preston Smith, Alcott Smith, and Avery Smith. The overseers recommend that these requests be granted and that a committee be appointed to welcome the Smith family into membership. "(Signed) Cassandra C. White, for the Overseers." The meeting was very happy to grant these requests as the Overseers recommended. Franklin and Ruth Satterthwaite were appointed to visit and welcome the Smiths into our meeting.

Referring to the minutes of the last meeting, Paul Butterworth made the following comments:

1. Eric Johnson made a very effective talk in meeting on May 12. Howard Kerschner visited Hartford in June but was unable to meet with Friends.
2. The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee has given considerable thought to the matter of extermination of poison ivy. The Peace and Service Committee is feeling its way in making use of the grounds as a recreational area for young people. Paul Butterworth discussed further how the grounds can be used in the years to come, as a burying ground, as a meetinghouse site, and as a community recreational center.
3. Howard and Rosemary Harris feel that the Hartford Work Camp should be continued next year, but that they should not be directors.
4. The American Friends Service Committee advertisement is to appear in the Hartford Times, sponsored by Sage-Allen, as soon as the shortage of newsprint is over and more advertising space is available.

The Kappa Gamma Sorority of Hartford is contributing 25 layettes towards 5000 which the national sorority is sending to Norway, and the meeting decided to contribute the cost of one layette, which amounts to $8.00.

Paul Butterworth read a letter from Paul Furnas regarding C.P.S. men who are now "on strike". The purpose of the letter was to bring us more understanding of their actions. These men feel that the work being done now by C.P.S. is not necessary work, nor work of national importance.

As was done last summer, there will be Sunday meetings for worship, but no Thursday evening meetings, or business meetings, until September.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Ruth L. Satterthwaite, Recording Cle

Sept. 19, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of Hartford Friends was held ninth month, nineteenth day, 1946, in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Meeting expressed its gratitude for the services of Ruth L. Satterthwaite as Recording Clerk and Franklin E. Satterthwaite as Treasurer who both resigned at this time. These Friends are moving to Indiana in October. Their presence in our Meeting will be missed greatly.

Robert B. Walker was appointed Recording Clerk, pro tem, and the Treasurer's records were turned over to Paul Butterworth, Clerk, for the present.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of two checks during the summer and an expenditure of $100.00 for tuition at Heidelberg College for Michael Hoshiko. The Tom Bodine Fund has $48.00 on hand. The question of the continuance of this allotment was to be considered at a later time.

An Editor for the Bulletin is still being sought but a September news sheet will be sent out by Cassandra White and Carol De Cou.

Mabel Bailey stated that the Program Committee is open for suggestions for this years activities and she also made announcements concerning interesting Hartford Church activities to take place in late September and early October. The news letter will give full particulars.

Jean Clepper gave the Educational Committee report appealing for more members. She asked if the Meeting wished to contribute to the Committee on Educational Aid which is helping C.O.'s, both those who went to prison and C.P.S. The Meeting authorized a contribution of $25.00.

The Bernice and Robert Smith family were cordially welcomed as new members of our Meeting.

Paul Butterworth has received notification from the Hartford Federation of Churches stating that they are taking a basic church survey of membership. The Clerk will forward this statistical information to them.

The A.F.S.C. is establishing a branch office in Boston. The Cambridge Meeting suggests we send funds and clothes there. The

Meeting agreed that was the logical thing for us to do.

The Meeting closed with a period of worship.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

October 10, 1946

The Hartford Monthly meeting of Friends was held October 10, 1946 in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Edith Clapp as Librarian was appointed to the Educational Committee.

The nominating committee announced the appointment of Lucia Barber as Editor of the Bulletin.

Paul Butterworth and Mabel Bailey were appointed delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held at Northampton on Sunday, October 27th. Robert B. Walker was appointed as an alternate.

The Meeting felt we should have announcements of our meetings for worship again placed in Hartford newspapers and also in the "American Friend" and Philadelphia's Yearly Meeting's "Friend". It was also thought adviseable to have the name, address and phone number of someone as reference. Cassandra White consented to have her name used for this purpose.

The idea of Thursday night study groups, except for Monthly Meeting nights, was discussed. Rosemary and Howard Harris were reported as being especially interested in a Bible study group during Thursday evenings. Overseers and Educational Committee were directed to plan such a program if it seemed feasible.

Considerable discussion of the Work Camp program of last spring and possibilities for the future was carried on. Some felt the Meeting even though not officially sponsoring the "House in The Fields", still did not show enough interest. The whole matter of possible Meeting participation in a Work Camp program will be taken up by the Service Committee and reported on by Edith Clapp.

Meeting then closed with a moment of worship.

Moses Bailey, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

November 14, 1946

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held November 14, 1946 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The meeting approved an extension telephone for Cassandra White for meeting business.

Alice Jorgensen was appointed to place notices of our meetings in Friends' periodicals such as "American Friend", "Friends Intelligencer" and "The Friend".

Thursday evening meetings will hence forth be held at 8:15 P.M. except for business meeting on second Thursday of each month which will be at 7:45 P.M. Discussion groups are now meeting on the firs and third Thursday of the month. Young Friends from the Hartford Seminary are now leading the discussion groups on the subject, "Histories of Different Friends Meetings".

The Program Committee which arranges for speakers and special meetings announced plans for November and December. These announcement will be published in the Bulletin.

Educational Committee reported very few volunteers for running children's play time had been found and not many regular pupils were coming. Jean Clepper, chairman of the children's Sunday Schoo will continue the program until January anyway.

Paul Butterworth reported a balance as of October 31st of $461.15 in the treasury. The Nominating Committee was directed to appoint a Treasurer to relieve the Clerk who is only serving temporarily.

Mabel Bailey and Paul Butterworth reported on Quarterly Meeting held at Northampton, October 27th. There were seventy-five to one hundred attenders at the meeting which included meeting for worship, business meeting and a lecture by Bernard Waring on industrial relations. Paul Butterworth explained the apportionment of the Yearly Meeting expenses and also about activities of the American Friend Service Committee. One topic of discussion was the possibility of having Quarterly Meeting three or four times a year instead of semi-annually.

The Meeting closed with a period of worship.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

December 12, 1946

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held December 12, 1946 at the home of Moses and Mabel Bailey at a well attended supper meetin

The Meeting approved accepting responsibility of $150.00 for Yearly Meeting budget for activities and $38.00 for assessments for one-half of year.

The Program Committee reported emphasizing again the value of the present discussion groups held on first and third Thursdays of the month.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on topics of discussion of last committee meeting. First was the concern of helping George

Trofimoff, a white Russian fellow living in Paris, to come to the United States. Secondly the committee recommends the Work Camp program be held in abeyance until the necessary leadership is found. Thirdly, Tom Bodine announced he is accepting money for food packages for needy individuals he knows in France.

Paul Butterworth stated one sponsor for George Trofimoff had been found and another one is needed.

Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported on by Paul Cleaver stated further progress on plot would involve expenditures for trees and grading next spring. The Meeting approved tackling the improvement of the property and accepted reasonable financial responsibility for project.

The Nominating Committee submitted the name of Thomas R. Bodine as Treasurer which was approved by the Meeting. The newly appointed Treasurer announced plans to form a Finance Committee in order to formulate policy for 1947. Suggestion was made that Committee Chairmen submit to Treasurer financial needs for coming year.

A request for endorsement of a Connecticut Fair Employment Practice Law was referred to the Peace and Service Committee for study. Purpose of proposed law is to insure fair treatment of all people by industry regardless of sex, race or creed.

At the close of the last item of business Glenn Roberts of New York Yearly Meeting and Executive Secretary of Connecticut Council of Churches gave a stimulating address about the message we should be offering the world.

Meeting then concluded with a moment of silent worship.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

January 9, 1947

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held January 9, 1947 in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

At this annual meeting all committees submitted written reports of their activities during 1946.

The interim report of the treasurer is as follows:

> "The Treasurer hopes that the Meeting will excuse him from presenting a report on the year 1946 at this time. The fact that the funds of the Meeting are in process of transfer from one bank to another and the short time that the new Treasurer has been in office are the reasons behind this request. The Treasurer asks that he be permitted to report in full at the March Monthly Meeting. At this time he hopes the Finance Committee will be ready to bring before the Meeting some proposals as to how its funds might suitably be put to work.
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> (signed) Thomas R. Bodine"

The Peace and Service Committee reported:

"The Peace and Service Committee of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met monthly from January until June, 1946, with an average attendance of five persons.

The most pressing problem at the start of the year was to clarify the place of the Work Camp Project undertaken the previous Fall. This had been sponsored by four individual members of the Commit plus four other persons drawn from the North End (of Hartford) community in which the project was located. The cost, namely a part-fellowship for Howard and Rosemary Harris (the former of whom was enrolled as a Seminary student) was underwritten by our committee members. A proposal that the meeting assume the sponsorship of the project, was turned down by the Meeting. The Peace and Service Committee thereupon referred the matter back to the Work Camp Committee of four. These proposed to broaden the base of the sponsorship to include the Protestant Churches of Hartford. Question remained as to whether the Work Camp was a "Quaker" project inasmuch as the Meeting itself had not assumed responsibility for it.

Howard and Rosemary Harris, and during the summer, Hannah Cleaver, served as a clearing house for parcels of food to individuals and families in Europe, names having been secured chiefly from A.F.S.C.-connected people. Letters from Europe, included especially those from Mr. and Mrs. Petersilka in Holland, attested to the welcome with which these were received. Later in the year, a good deal of this activity centered in sending money to CARE.

The Meeting rejected a suggestion of the Committee that members should have an austerity meal on a designated day, in order to attain unity among ourselves regarding our sense of brotherhood in relation to people overseas. The Meeting's alternative was to suggest putting more funds into the parcel-sending program.

Letters to congressmen regarding our stand on conscription were proposed, but not enough unity was found to push through any statements.

In June feeling was expressed by committee members, though not unanimously, that the committee should not try to spur Meeting members toward social concerns, but rather that the Committee should be the instrument by which the Meeting wxpressed its social outreach. Various Meeting members felt differently about this, and no resolution of this difference had been accomplished by October, at least.

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(signed) W. Wendell Clepper"

Following the report of the Peace and Service Committee, Paul Butterworth suggested Friends share their many appeals for charity with the Meeting in order to give consideration to worthy causes which individuals might not be able to help alone. Along with this concern the names of William Rawley, Thomas R. Bodine and Robert B. Walker were suggested as a subcommittee for "CARE". (The Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) packages for Europe and food packages for Asia. These members agreed to serve.

* Supplementary report inserted between pages 110 and 111.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

Fall of 1946

One meeting of the Peace and Service Committee was held this Fall on November 25. At this meeting it was decided that no further action should be taken on the North End work camp until suitable leadership appears. As a symbol of our concern for the plight of displaced peoples in Europe, it was decided to assist George Trofimoff, a 19-year-old White Russian boy now in Paris, to emigrate to this country. As a symbol of our concern for developing leadership in Europe rather than drawing out of Europe through emigration the young people who are not displaced, it was decided to continue the practice established earlier of urging members and attenders to send CARE food parcels to Europe with special emphasis on sending parcels to potential leaders.

As of January 9, 1946 some progress had been made on these last two decisions. Two persons have been found to sign affidavits of support for George Trofimoff. A parcel of clothing and other items and one CARE parcel have been sent to George and several frieddly letters. Three CARE packages to strengthen potential European leadership have been sent in the name of the Meeting, one to a French Government worker who has made a real sacrifice to make room in his small apartment for the displaced George Trofimoff and who is one of the finer types of administrators developing within the postwar French Government, one to a French student who is at present in jail for alleged political activity, and one to the secretary of a French student association to be given to some needy student known to him who is not otherwise receiving aid. These parcels were sent on the recommendation of Tom Bodine.

This report does not indicate any great achievement or activity in social service on the part of the Meeting. Individual members have, of course, made wide contributions independently of the Meeting's. It may be well to recall at this time the Chinese proverb which has become the motto of the American Friends Service Committee:

"It is better to light a candle
Than to curse the darkness."

Respectfully submitted by temporary
convener but without review by
committee members,

Thomas R Bodine
THOMAS R. BODINE

no June 1943 minutes
Business Mtg.

The Program committee reported:

"The program committee has planned for speakers at several meetings during the year with the general plan of having a speaker and supper meeting once a month, usually the fourth Thursday evening. This has not been possible every month --- summer months omitted also --- but we feel that we have been very fortunate to have had with us during the past year: Mr. Jacob Feldman, a social agency secretary of Hartford. William J. Reagan, Principal of Oakwood School. Professor Juan Roura, Spanish refugee now teaching at Wesleyan University. Alexander C. Purdy, Glenn Roberts, and others from our own group.

This fall the first and third Thursday evening meetings of the month have been in charge of the young Friends --- most of them being students at the Seminary --- who have talked on the general theme of the different kinds of Friends' meetings, their history and forms. Different kinds of meetings, pastoral and non-pastoral, and Service and missionary interests have been discussed. These programs are to be continued for a few weeks, at least.

(signed) For the committee,
Mabel G. Bailey - Chairman

Paul Swett
Glenn Roberts
Alexander C. Purdy"

The Hospitality Committee reported:

"The Hospitality Committee planned for Quarterly Meeting in April arranging for dinner at the Seminary also serving tea following the afternoon meeting.

Owing to conditions we have not been able to hold the usual supper meetings at the Seminary. However we had a covered dish supper in December at the home of the Bailey's.

(signed) Bernice L. Smith"

Appreciation was expressed for the willing manner in which our hospitality chairman has served.

The Educational Committee reported:

"In the early part of 1946 the Education Committee continued the discussion of the Book of Discipline of the 5 Years Meeting. These discussions were held after meeting for worship on First Day. Some criticism of this time for a discussion meeting was expressed to the committee as breaking the feeling of the meeting for worship. The Committee then asked the Clerk of the meeting to make a definite break after Meeting for worship so that those who wished to might leave. At a meeting of the Education Committee the opinion was expressed that a discussion period might have a positive rather than a disruptive effect on the meeting, but that if a special time should be set for discussion [illegible] requiring a special type of attendance we should get some opinion from members of the meeting of their willingness to attend at a given time. At business meeting these ideas were presented. The meeting did not approve of sending a questionaire postcard asking opinion on subject or time desired for discussion meetings, nor did those present wish to take any vote on times they might be able to attend. Again the fear was expressed that discussions might uncover controversial material which this group could not handle. Since that time the only expression of interest in educational material of possible interest to adult members of the meeting has come from one member of the Education Committee.

During the spring and summer the nursery school was held only on occasional call. In the fall another attempt was made to set up the nursery school on a regular basis. There was fairly regular attendance of one or two children and occasionally of others. And the offer of volunteers to help the mothers in handling the nursery school was appreciated. However, it does not seem possible at present for those children to attend who have been there most frequently. It is therefore suggested that the nursery school be dropped for the present and the notice withdrawn from the papers. The key to the room is still in possession of Howard and Rosemary Harris. The Seminary has requested that we use the small room at the left of the corridor. It will be necessary to bring any materials desired such as boo crayons etc. and they can be left on the meetings' bookshelf.

(signed) Jeanne Clepper"

The Meeting accepted the report with thanks to Jeanne Clepper for her devoted effort and the hope was expressed that in the not too distant future the Meeting may be united in carrying forth some real educational program. Paul Butterworth will see that the notice of the Nursery School be taken from the newspapers.

Edith C. Clapp, Librarian reported that not all the Meetings' books were available for use at present but that by March she would have the complete library in order.

The Sewing Committee reported:

"The Sewing Committee has worked industriously and enthusiastically for the past year. The group is small, but interested friends have contributed garments and materials so a truly valuable contribution has been sent to the American Friends Service Committee storeroom in Philadelphia and two large boxes of clothing were taken to the Center in Cambridge.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the clothing committee in Philadelphia sending especial thanks and a message of appreciation for the quality of the work in the Hartford boxes. All garments were well made, attractive, and clean.

(signed) Ruth H. Kirk, Chairman"

The report was accepted and appreciation expressed to members of th committee who spent their time in a service of love for others.

The report of the Overseers stated:

> "The activities of the Overseers do not lend themselves to a written report.
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> Visits have been paid, letters have been written to absent members and hospitality and friendliness extended to members and attenders.
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> Committee meetings of the Overseers have been held whenever questions of membership arose.
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> At the request of the Monthly Meeting, the Overseers invited the Quaker students at the Seminary to make a contribution to the Thursday evening meetings. This was done with satisfying results. The students have assumed responsibility for the first and third Thursday evening Meetings each month. We feel they are making an outstanding contribution and wish the meetings might be more fully supported by the membership.
>
> (signed) For the Overseers
> Cassandra C. White"

The Meeting wished to thank the Overseers for their unselfish service on behalf of the Meeting in advice and counsel as well as in other ways. Cassandra C. White also stated that a letter from Bertha Otis Newlin had been received requesting her membership with Hartford Monthly Meeting be withdrawn. Having dual membership with us she has transferred her membership from Poplar Ridge, N. Y. to Chatham Monthly Meeting, Western Quarterly Meeting in North Carolina. Cassandra C. White agreed to write Bertha Otis Newlin expressing the Meetings' feelings that she still remains in fellowship with us even though her official membership be transferred.

The Overseers also reported the death of Frank S. Rathbun, a member of our Meeting, November 12, 1946. His passing away will be a great loss to the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee reported:

It is suggested that the name Committee on Ministry and Counsel be substituted for the name Overseers to conform with Yearly Meeting practice.

The first named individual is suggested for Chairman but committe are at liberty to select another.

Committee on Ministry and Counsel:
Thomas R. Bodine
Moses Bailey
Alice E. Jorgensen
Thomas P. Harvey
Jeannette H. Purdy
Paul Butterworth

Peace and Service Committee:
Paul Butterworth
Edith C. Clapp
George F. Halford
Zora H. Roberts
William Rawley
Bernard C. Wojan
Hannah Y. Cleaver

Clerk: Alexander C. Purdy

Recording Clerk: Robert B. Walker

Treasurer: Thomas R. Bodine

Recorder: Alice E. Jorgensen

Quaker Lane Grounds Committee:
Paul Butterworth
Thomas P. Harvey
George H. Shaw
E. Paul Cleaver

Hospitality Committee:
Bernice L. Smith
Elizabeth T. Butterworth
Hannah Y. Cleaver
Virginia Costeles
Elizabeth D. Shaw
Robert A. Smith

News and Publicity Committee: Carol deCou

Education Committee:
Jeanette H. Purdy
William A. Greene
Florence G. Greene
Mabel G. Bailey
Edith C. Clapp

Finance Committee:
Thomas R. Bodine
Paul Butterworth
G. Herbert White

Nominating Committee:
Thomas R. Bodine
Alice E. Jorgensen
Paul Butterworth

Program Committee:
Mabel G. Bailey
Robert A. Smith
W. Glenn Roberts
Marian Cartland

Sewing Committee: Elizabeth D. Shaw

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The Clerk is Ex-Officio member of all Committees

The Treasurer is Ex-Officio member of the Peace and Service Committee.

(signed) For the Committee
G. Herbert White, Chairman

e proposal to change the name of the 'Overseers' to 'Committee on
inistry and Counsel" was approved. The nominations were approved
ith the understanding that further nominations may be made at any
ime. The Meeting thanked the Committee for the tremendous task of
electing appropriate personnel for our numerous activities.

e Meeting expressed satisfaction in the honest and clear cut reports
at were presented and was grateful for the personal thought and
ffort they represented.

ecial gratitude for the long tenure of conscientious effort by
ul Butterworth as Clerk since the forming of our Meeting in 1940
s felt by everyone.

e Meeting then concluded, following a moment of silence, until the
t regular time in February.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

ebruary 13, 1947

he regular meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was
eld Thursday evening February 13, 1947 at Hartranft Hall following
he meeting for worship.

he minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved with a
orrection clarifying the withdrawal of Bertha Otis Newlin.

t was decided to ask Moses Bailey to draw up a minute concerning the
eath of Frank Rathbun.

om Bodine reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that
rrangements have been made for the breaking of Sunday morning meet-
ngs.

aul Butterworth reported for the Peaceand Service Committee on the
oncern for Nellie Putts and George Trofimoff.

om Bodine, Treasurer, gave the annual report. On January 1, 1946
here was a balance on hand of $681.58. Received for all purposes
2815.47, making a total of $3497.05 for the year.

f this $2678.40 was spent, leaving a balance of $818.65. Of this
alance two sums are earmarked:

$100 for Education of Public on implications of
the Atomic Bomb
and
206.63 for Quaker Lane Grounds,

eaving $512.02 of general funds. A detailed report is to be filed
ith the minutes.

e announced for the Finance Committee the budget for the coming year.
his budget is divided into 6 groups:

Operating Expenses
Quaker Lane Grounds
Superior Meetings
Work for Others
Contributions (Annual)
Donations (Occasional)

He felt that it was important that the funds should be divided so tha we would not spend more on ourselves than for others.

It was decided that we should give $3.00 to the Women's Church Union also that donations to the Connecticut Council of Churches and the Hartford Federation of Churches should go under heading, Contribution

Paul Butterworth, chairman of Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported on plans for the year which included improvement of the grounds and further plans on a future meeting house.

The report of this committee and the item of $1000 in the proposed budget were considered together. It was the feeling of the meeting that we should go forward along the lines recommended by the committe

It was suggested that when the Budget is sent out to members that amounts which are already subscribed to be so noted.

After full discussion of the budget, the meeting agreed that the first three items totalling $1675 be assumed as an obligation of the meetin and the other three items be accepted as a guide.

Other contributions to any part of the budget on the part of those wh are not members would be welcome, but the membership itself should feel the obligation for the first part of the budget.

Jeannette Purdy reported for the Education Committee that a series of topics would be reported at Sunday morning meetings at 10 o'clock.

Moses Bailey reported for the program committee that the Young People will continue their programs on the first and third Thursdays. He urged our support of these meetings.

Tom Bodine announced that plans have been made for Editing the Bulleti for the rest of the year.

The Sewing Committee reported a large shipment of materials from Philadelphia.

Alice Jorgensen reported that notices of our Meeting are now appearing in Friend's periodicals.

Following a period of silence, the meeting adjourned.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk

Bernice L. Smith, Recording Clerk Protem

March 13, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held March 13, 1947 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and accepted with two minor corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported the recommendation of W. Glenn and Zora Roberts as members of Hartford Monthly Meeting transferring from New York and the W. Glenn Roberts be welcomed as a Recorded Minister of our Meeting and that their children be welcomed as Associate Members. The meeting heartily approved the recommendation

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

BUDGET 1947

RATING EXPENSES			
Program Committee	$ 75.00		
Hospitality	10.00		
Nursery School (Education Committee)	25.00		
Literature (Education Committee)	25.00		
Bulletin and Secretarial	125.00		
Travel	10.00		
General operating (Seminary)	100.00		
Miscellaneous	5.00	$ 375.00	
AKER LANE GROUNDS		1,000.00	
ERIOR MEETINGS		300.00	
ORK FOR OTHERS			
Sewing Committee	75.00		
Peace and Service Committee			
Travel Exp. of newcomers from Europe	350.00		
Food parcels to build leadership abroad	150.00	575.00	
ONTRIBUTIONS (Annual)			
AFSC General overhead	250.00		
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50.00		
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00		
Wider Quaker Fellowship	25.00		
Pendle Hill	25.00		
Women's Church Union	3.00	378.00	
ONATIONS (Occasional)			
AFSC New England Office	100.00		
AFSC Anti-Conscription Program	25.00		
National Council Against Conscription	25.00		
Comm. on Educational Aid to C.O.'s	50.00		
Friends World Committee	25.00		
American Christian Comm. on Refugees	25.00		
Pacifist Research Bu. for Atomic Bomb ED.	50.00		
Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists	50.00		
Common Council for American Unity	25.00		
United Negro College Fund	75.00		
Conn. Council of Churches	10.00		
Hartford Federation of Churches	25.00	485.00	
TAL			$3113.00

and appointed the Clerk to write a letter to New York Meeting notifying them of our action. Robert and Bernice Smith were appointed to welcome the Roberts family.

The Hospitality Committee made announcements concerning the plans for the Supper Meeting at the Seminary, March 27, 1947.

The Program Committee also announced plans for the Supper Meeting and Quarterly Meeting, details of which will be in the Bulletin.

The Education Committee reported twelve to fifteen had been attending Sunday morning discussion groups and that two scheduled meetings were left, March 16 and March 23, 1947.

The Sewing Committee reported that work was continuing and that two packages had recently been sent to the American Friends Service Committ

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee was reported on by Paul Butterworth as follows:

> "On February 20, a meeting was held in the West Hartford Town Building under the auspices of the Local Advisory Committee of the Hartford Family Service Society. 20 persons were present for most of the session and represented the Family Service Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Boy Scouts, the West Hartford Police Education and Recreation Department. Seven Friend were present, with Elden Mills and Florence Greene giving valuable information on the Nursery School experiences they have had in West Hartford.
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> The General purpose of this meeting was to ask what needs of the community might be supplied in the possible building of the Meeting House on the Friends' grounds on Quaker Lane. We were told that the demand for nursery schooling far exceeded the facilities now available only at the Congregational Church and the Junior School. Both of these existing units are able to give religious significance to their teaching. Some race relations benefits migh be fostered also if a nursery school were set up on Quaker Lane. A group of twenty children seems the desirable size. $100.00 a year can be paid without hardship in most cases. A paid professional worker is required but volunteers also can be found and used to advantage. Some of these may be available at the Seminary! Direct costs for this project probably would equal fee receipts and allow little for building overhead. If practicable this service could operate five mornings a week except in the summer. It could occupy a "Meeting" room if Friends were agreeable to this.
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> Aimlessness among younger adolescents was discussed. Lack of occupations and supervision at home in the spring, summer and fall might be offset by arts and crafts opportunities at our proposed "Friends Center". The Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. might share in responsibility for organization and operation. Hours would be late afternoon, early evening and Saturdays. Space needs would have to be studied as would methods of meeting costs involved and overhead expenses.
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> A pre-eminent need in the Community, increasing as houses tend to be smaller, is that of places for evening gatherings for adult groups. We were told that an assembly room would be use almost every night to good purpose if it were available on our site.

There are substantial value possibilities in such a project but I am not prepared to suggest now how it might be organized and operated. We can see, however, that a hall larger than our normal Meeting needs could be very helpful to Friends at times of larger gatherings.

The February 20th meeting discussed briefly the plan for eradicating poison ivy, building paths, planting and setting up benches, table and sand box, as recommended earlier by our Committee; and interest and approval were expressed. In this regard, I suggest we call the immediate neighbors together to be given our plans and a plea for cooperation. In any case, we should proceed, I think, with the actual work as soon as ground conditions permit, and according to availability of funds sent our Treasurer for this purpose.

As to the later erection of a building, and its possible uses, I suggest that our Committee begin consideration of plans after our Friends have listened to the discussion of the topic "Community Needs and Responsibilities," led by Perry Hall on March 27th. This meeting is being arranged by our Program and Hospitality Committee. It may be best also to have the Meeting with our Quaker Lane neighbors before we make a start with structure planning.

I may add that we hope that on March 27th we have the benefit of participation in our thinking by Rollin Zane, Wendell Clepper, and Paul Braisted, with Perry Hall; all Friends who have valuable knowledge and experience in Community problems and their solutions.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Paul Butterworth"

e Meeting appreciated the very good and complete report.

Librarian submitted the following report:

"The library contains at this time fifty books and pamphlets which are listed. Ten or fifteen books and pamphlets (mostly paper bound) have recently been received from the Peace Center, which has been discontinued. These have not yet been entered in our Files.

We have also a series of Human Events pamphlets, and various other titles which have been lent us for circulation. We have subscribed to the Human Events Pamphlets for the year 1947.

There are on our shelves as of the 15th of March, 71 books and pamphlets; and on the same date fourteen charged out to borrowers.

The Friends' Book Store (ArCh St., Phila.) has offered us the choice of several titles from which to select gifts as tokens of their interest in our project, and another list of titles from which we may choose books upon which they offer us a good discount. But this matter has not yet been taken up by the Education Committee.

We plan to have lists of books from our own library, and also from the Seminary Library, to distribute to borrowers to help meet their interests and needs. The Seminary has a splendid collection of books of special value to Friends from which all may borrow.

It is planned to circulate copies of our Friends' papers, donated by subscribers. These often carry articles which are of great inspiration and we want them to be available to all members and attenders.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith C. Clapp"

The Meeting was grateful for this report and the good work Edith C. Clapp is doing.

Alexander C. Purdy read a letter from the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia regarding the "Newsletter", a Sunday School publication for children. Edith C. Clapp was directed to procure this for our Library.

A letter was received from Harold Chance of the Peace Section of the A.F.S.C. giving a statistical summary of a confidential poll taken from approximately 750 Friends Churches and Meetings concerning the action taken by members in World War II. This letter will be filed with the annual reports and other letters for this fiscal year to be kept with the minutes.

Alexander C. and Jeannette H. Purdy requested a minute from this meeting to take to Seattle Meeting at the Friends Center, which they plan to visit in the very near future. Moses Bailey was appointed to prepare such a minute.

Moses Bailey read a letter from Arthur Jones, Clerk of the New England Yearly Meeting, concerning the waning financial support of the Missions of the Five Years Meeting, wishing to call our attention to the valuable service they have been and are giving. It was suggested and the meeting approved the idea to ask for ten minutes on the Quarterly Meeting agenda for this subject. Moses Bailey, as the most informed person, was appointed to give a talk at that time explaining the Mission work.

The letter from Arthur Jones also told of a book on mission work called "The Stewardship of Our Heritage" which our Meeting would like to have. Edith C. Clapp was directed to purchase it for the Library.

After a few moments of worship, Meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting in April.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

April 10, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held April 10, 1947 in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

The Education Committee reported because of the interest and attendance it was decided to continue the Discussion Groups through May 15th.

The Program Committee reported that the Bulletin contains a full account of plans for Quarterly Meeting. No Supper Meeting program will be planned for the Thursday preceeding Quarterly Meeting.

The Sewing Committee reported contined progress in their work.

Thomas R. Bodine reported for the Food Subcommittee of the Peace and Service Committee that 12 CARE packages had been sent to Europe and word had been received from all but 2. Many letters of appreciation have been received and one very interesting one from a political prisoner in France was read.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, and Mabel G. Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee were appointed Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. Paul Butterworth was named as alternate.

A letter was read from Marjanne W. and Robert B. Walker applying for associate membership for their daughter Mary Elizabeth born April 4, 1947. The Meeting was happy to grant the request and welcomed the new addition.

The Clerk spoke of a letter received from Donald A. Purdy telling of his marriage intentions with Jane H. Hough and requesting a letter of clearness from this meeting to be sent to Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting. The Clerks were appointed to prepare such a letter.

The Clerk read announcements of the Internation Relations Conference to be held at Wellesley College. The Peace and Service Committee was asked to consider if someone from this meeting could attend.

A letter from a Rabbi was read urging us to take action by writing Senators and Representatives against military aid to Greece and Turkey feeling it would very likely lead to war. This letter was handed to the Peace and Service Committee for consideration.

Thomas R. Bodine told of a joint concern which Edith C. Clapp and he had about the drop in contributions for the A.F.S.C. He told of the willingness of the Hartford Times to place a full page add for the A.F.S.C. if someone would finance it. Sage Allen Co. has generously paid for such adds in the past and it was felt they might finance the A.F.S.C. advertisement entitled, "These are the Hunger Months". The Meeting very much approved the plan and hoped it would be carried out.

The question of time for holding Monthly Meeting was brought up with the concern that a better time could be found. The Meeting was urged to think the matter over for a decision at a later time.

At the end of the Meeting Alexander C. Purdy gave a brief talk on some of the interesting side lights of his and Jeannette Purdy's visit to the Seattle Friends Center Meeting.

Meeting was then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

May 8, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 8, 1947 in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

At the first fall Monthly Meeting it is planned to bring up the question of the time of holding Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that copies of the Queries be printed for members and extra copies for other Friends. The Meeting approved this plan leaving the form and number of copies to the discretion of the Committee.

A second recommendation was that the Queries be read one a week for eight weeks at the Sunday Meeting for worship. The Meeting approved the plan in principle and left the details of carrying out the plan to the committee.

Upon the receipt of a certificate of Removal from Cambridge Monthly Meeting the Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended granting Lucia F. Barber's request for membership. The Meeting approved the recommendation and appointed Mabel G. Bailey and Thomas R. Bodine to welcome her.

A letter was read from Adalyn P. Jones requesting transfers of member for herself and her daughter Linda Margaret Jones, an associate member, to the Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, Swarthmore, Pa. The Committe on Ministry and Counsel recommended and the Meeting approved the tran fers. The Clerk was appointed to write to Swarthmore Monthly Meeting and Thomas R. Bodine to write to Adalyn P. Jones.

During the course of business the question of who was corespondent of the Meeting came up and whether it should be the same person as the Recorder. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel was directed to study the matter and make a recommendation to the Meeting.

The Treasurer made the following report:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1947	$ 818.65
Received January 1, 1947-May 1, 1947	1,613.30
Total Funds Available to date for 1947 Budget	$2,431.95
Total 1947 Budget	3,113.00
Need to Meet Budget	681.05
Present Bank Balance 5/1/47	$2,063.80

The Treasurer proposed to send $200 of budgeted $250 to A.F.S.C, send $463 of budgeted $612 to Work for others contributions, spend $800 of budgeted $1000 on Quaker Lane Grounds, reducing the bank balance to $600.80

(signed) Thomas R. Bodine, Treasurer

The Meeting approved the proposed expenditures.

The Hospitality Committee reported that expenses amounted to $20.44 for Quarterly Meeting Hospitality which was over the budget. The Meeting promptly approved a $25.00 budget for this item and expressed its gratitude to Bernice L. Smith for the efficient and willing manner in which she carried out her duties.

The Sewing Committee reported two packages of cloths were ready to sen its last meeting the Committee had an interesting visit from Edna aviland, New England Representative of the AFSC in charge of the ollection of clothing.

e Peace and Service Committee reported that Nellie Putz is living in w York City at present. George Troffimoff is living with friends France so he is not starving but has no job and wants a visa to the ited States.

new family which the Meeting became interested in is Alexandre enzemann, his wife and two children. They are a Russian family which homas R. Bodine plans to help come to this country and the meeting will are the responsibility.

e Peace and Service Committee also reported that efforts had so far roduced no definite progress in obtaining a Sage Allen Co. financed vertisement in the "Hartford Times" for the AFSC.

rnice and Robert Smith stated that they hoped to attend the Interational Relations Conference at Wellesley.

e Meeting, thinking in terms of the 30th Anniversary of the ASFC at is time, expressed a desire to have more publicity on the subject. e matter was referred to the Peace and Service Committee which hopes o get an editorial in at least on Hartford newspaper.

e Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported that $500.00 is being spent or the services of an expert in removing the poison ivy.

n discussing our budget responsibilities to Superior Meetings the eeting approved a $10.00 contribution to the Young Friends Fund.

e Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

ne [illegible], 1947

e Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 15, 1947 in rtranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

e minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved with one nor change.

nce the advertisements put in Friends periodicals announcing the me and place of the Sunday Meetings for worship have run out, and nce we have had no inquiries as a result of these advertisements it s decided to not renew them at least until fall. The Meeting deded to reopen the question in the fall.

ong other business matters that the Meeting wished to take up in the ll were appointment of an Editor for the Bulletin and the reconsiderion of the time for holding Monthly Meeting.

el Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee read a letter from the ench Desk" of the AFSC asking if we would like to have Micheline mon, a French lady visiting our country come speak to us and visit during the weekend of July 26 and 27. Since Thomas R. Bodine [redacted] and have him answer in the affirmative or negative depending on whether he could gather a group large enough to warrant her making the trip.

A letter was received from Swarthmore Monthly Meeting happily ackno edging the certificate of removal sent to them from us for Adalyn [redacted]

A letter from Daisy Newman, Recording Clerk of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting, was received concerning the uniform nomenclature to be used in statistical listing of members. Our Recorder is alre aware of this proposal as it is the system we are already using.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship to meet again in the fall.

Robert B. Walker, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

October 9, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held October 9, 1947 in Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read two Certificates of Removal which had been received. One was from Green Street Monthly Meeting, Germantown, Philadelphia on the behalf of Ruth Jackson Boone and the other was from Colora Monthly Meeting, Cecil County, Maryland, member of Arch St. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on the behalf of Edith C. Clapp. It should printed out that Edith C. Clapp has been a member of Hartford Month Meeting since the beginning in 1940. She carried a dual membershi until this time when she requested Colora Monthly Meeting to transf her membership to Hartford Monthly Meeting.

The report from the Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that the certificates of removal for Ruth Jackson Boone and Edith C Clapp be accepted and that they be welcomed as members of Hartford Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting approved the recommendations and welcomed Edith C. Clap who was present, and appointed Bernice L. and Robert A. Smith to vi Ruth Jackson Boone to welcome her to our meeting.

The Clerk was directed to send letters to Edith C. Clapp and Ruth Jackson Boone notifying them of the meeting's action.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1) The Finance Committee met on October 5, 1947.

2) The Meeting's present bank balance is $927.86, but $879.60 of this represents funds restricted by the donors for special purposes. The actual cash available for general use is only $ 48.26.

3) Between now and December 31st, $415.16 is needed to meet the rest of the 1947 budget (including such items as Bulletin and Secretarial, Nursery School, Literature, Program Committee, Food Parcels to Rebuild European Leadership, and Contributions and Assessments for Superior Meetings.)

4) Only 17 members of the Meeting have contributed this year. Most of the money received has come in the form of a few large contributions. Much of it has been restricted by the donors for special purposes.

5) The Finance Committee believes it can raise what the Meeting needs if the members who have not yet contributed will do their share. Every member should contribute something

6) The Finance Committee has received several requests for funds over and above the present budget. It has reviewed these requests and has rejected some of them. It considers with favor the following four items and recommends that they be added to the 1947 Budget:

A. Increased Appropriation for Nursery School $ 35.00

The Education Committee proposes a First Day Nursery School costing roughly $5 a week. If the Meeting approves, approximately $60 will be needed during the balance of this fiscal year. The Education Committee already has a $25 appropriation. It therefore needs an additional $35.

B. American Civil Liberties Union Committee on Amnesty v 25.00

There are still a large number of conscientious objectors in American prisons. There has been no general amnesty as there was after the First World War. Some Friends feel a special concern for these men whose only crime is conscience. The American Civil Liberties Union is raising a special fund "to conduct a short campaign to bring pressures to bear for favorable action." We are asked to contribute $ 25.00.

C. Food Parcels for Political Prisoners in France 60.00

A young man who worked as office boy for the AFSC in Paris when Tom Bodine was there was arrested last October because he attended the meetings of an anti-Communist French political party. Like so many other political prisoners crowding the jails of Europe, he has not yet had a trial. He is very hungry as the prison rations are among the smallest in France, although the French prison authorities do all they can to find food. There is no relief agency helping these people. His sister has been able to take a food parcel in to him once a month from CARE packages sent to her in the name of our Meeting. The boy has pointed out that there are other young men in the prison where he is confined who have no relatives to help them. He asks if we could send something each month which he will distribute inside the prison to people in need regardless of race, religion, or political opinion. His sister and two other French friends of Tom Bodine have agreed to make bread

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Book — [illegible]

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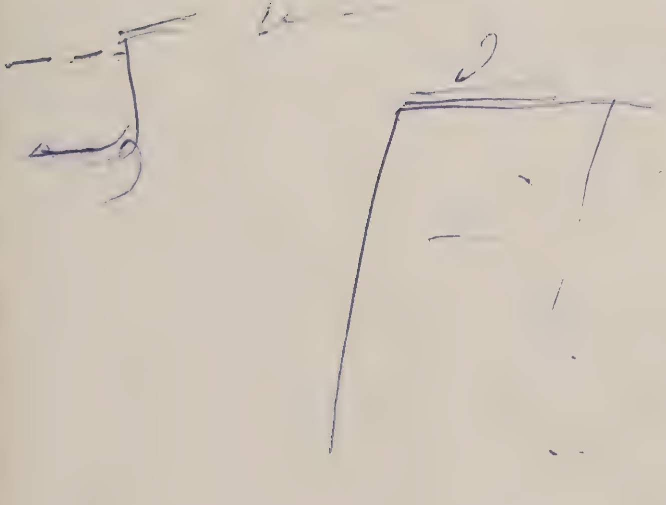

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and cakes of the flour and otherwise fix the contents of two CARE packages a month for these boys in French prisons. It will be difficult for them because of their meagre allotment of cooking gas in the winter, but they would like to share in the project. For the months of October, November and December (to the end of this fiscal year) $60.00 is needed over and above the sum already budgeted for Food Parcels to Rebuild European Leadership.

D. American Young Friends Fellowship $ 10.00

Twenty-six young Friends from overseas are traveling among Friends in this country and two American young Friends are traveling abroad under the auspices of this section of the Friends Fellowship Council. We are asked to help meet a current deficit of $500.

TOTAL PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE BUDGET $ 130.00

7) If the Meeting approves the additional appropriations listed above, a total of $500 will be needed between now and December 31st, the end of the fiscal year. The Finance Committee believes this sum can be raised if all members do their share, particularly those who have not yet contributed this year.

For the Finance Committee,

Thomas L Bodine
Treasurer

October 6, 1947

eeting accepted the report and approved the increases in the get.

uggestion was made and the Meeting approved of a plan for the nce Committee to make Quarterly Statements of progress.

ucation Committee reported that Mrs. Crooks had been obtained lead the Nursery School this year starting Sunday October 19, 1947. cost will be $3.00 a week for direction, $1.00 a week for janitor $25.00 a year for wear and tear on facilities. Three Quaker ren have been signed up as regular attenders so far and the sery School is to welcome the children of students on the Campus. ucation Committee also announced resumption of the Sunday morn- discussion group.

ospitality Committee and Program Committee combined report brought the fact that the fourth Thursdays of November and December are sgiving and Christmas and asked the Meeting what plans should be for supper meetings for those two months. The Meeting decided ber 20 should be a supper meeting with a speaker and that Decem- l should be a supper meeting in conjuaction with Monthly Meeting.

ominating Committee reported that Jeannette Purdy and Mabel Bailey greed to edit the November Bulletin. Since no one had been to edit the October Bulletin up to Monthly Meeting time, the ittee suggested volunteers be called for at that time. Bernard agreed to take on this duty.

ewing Committee made the following report:

> This past year, 153 new garments for children were made by the Sewing Group and sent to the Friends Service Committee for overseas distribution. This included 20 hand knit sweaters and 16 pairs of socks. Also there was a marked increase in the amount of second hand clothing that was thoroughly renovated and contributed.
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> Elizabeth Shaw, Chairman

eace and Service Committee made the following report:

> 1) The Committee has not met this summer. Various individuals have been active, however.
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> 2) Six CARE packages for Europe and two special food parcels for Japan have been despatched since the beginning of the fiscal year in the name of Hartford Friends. Plans are under way for sending seven more CARE packages to individuals known to Tom Bodine in France and Germany who need the encouragement and lift that packages bring. These individuals represent several segments of French social and political life.
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> 3) George Trofimoff is still in Paris waiting for his immigration visa. More documents on his behalf have been collected during the summer and despatched to the American Consul in Paris. George's father and stepmother, presumed dead in the 1944 bombing of Berlin, have turned up alive in Western Germany and in great distress. The stepmother broke a leg

in escaping the East which never properly healed. George managed to send them a little food from Paris and with funds from Hartford Meeting, he has managed to get them special permits to leave Germany and come to Paris.

4) Alexandre Benzemann and family are still trying to secure their French passports. Documents in support of their American visas were prepared by one member and one friend of the Meeting early in the summer to supplement other documents furnished by a Philadelphia Friend. Arrangements have been made with the Tolstoy Foundation to feed and house them on their arrival in this country, and the AFSC is assuming responsibility for finding Alexandre a job. Alexandre's English is none too good so that he is considering bookkeeping as an occupation and has asked for textbooks on that subject.

For the Committee, (signed)
Thomas R. Bodine

Edith C. Clapp suggested that the Peace and Service Committee meet regularly between Monthly Meetings to more effectively carry out its projects.

The Clerk announced that the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held October 19, 1947 at Northampton and asked the Monthly meeting to appoint two representatives. None of those present though they could go so the Clerk was asked to see who else might be going to Quarterly Meeting and appoint them as representatives.

The matter of publishing notices of our Meetings for Worship in Frie Periodicals was again brought up. The Meeting approved of resuming these notices and appointed Alice Jorgensen to carry this out.

Hannah Cleaver stated that the Womens Internations League which is se ing clothes both to the AFSC and the Unitarians in New York City needs money to defray shipping expenses for sending clothes to the AFSC. She was wondering whether this would be a good thing for us to support Due to the different feelings on this matter no action was taken at that time.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Alexander Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

November 13, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held November 13, 1947 Hartranft Hall, following a meeting for worship. In the absence of Alexander Purdy, Paul Butterworth was appointed Acting Clerk.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved after t corrections.

Jeannette Purdy reported that the Clerk had sent letters to Ruth Ja son Boone and Edith C. Clapp notifying them of the Meeting's action regarding their membership. Bernice L. Smith and Robert A. Smith reported that they had called on Ruth Jackson Boone.

Mabel G. Bailey reported that H. Paul Cleaver and Bernice L. Smith

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rterly Meeting held October 19, 1947 at Northampton.

Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that it had met on November 6 and had three recommendations.

1) That a new membership category be adopted by this meeting called "Affiliate Membership" similar to that used in some other meetings. This would be for persons retaining other religious affiliations but wanting fellowship with the meeting.

2) If this plan was adopted the Committee recommended that Elizabeth Taylor Butterworth be welcomed as an affiliate member with our warmest love and affection.

3) The Committee also recommended that Frank John Gademan, who has been a regular attender for some time be accepted as a full member.

Meeting approved all three of the recommendations and Paul Butterrth was directed to tell Elizabeth Butterworth of the Meetings acon.

ith C. Clapp and Bernice L. and Robert A. Smith were appointed to sit Frank J. Gademan and welcome him to membership.

e Hospitality Committee reported that due to the large meeting be- held in Hartford by the Connecticut Counsel of Churches, the per meeting originally scheduled for November 30 will be called f.

e Education Committee reported that discussion groups had been held Sunday mornins at 10 A. M. and that the recent subject of discussion s been the American Friends Service Committee. The Committee also ported that the Nursery School is carrying on with mostly Campus ildren at this time.

e Nominating Committee made a recommendation that attenders be lowed to officially serve on committees except as chairmen.

e Meeting approved the plan feeling that this was a very sensible ea.

e Program Committee reported progress in getting speakers for the 48 summer meetings.

e Sewing Committee reported continual activity in work for others.

ul Butterworth read a letter from Clarence Pickett, Executive Secrery of the AFSC, concerning the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize of 47 to the AFSC and the Friends Service Council of London. He stated behooves us to accept the honor with humility and to strive all more to work for peace.

was announced that Paul Butterworth, Paul Cleaver, Alexander Purdy d Mabel Bailey are appointed representatives from the Hartford nthly Meeting to the Connecticut Counsel of Churches.

Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Paul Butterworth, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk
Robert B. Walker

December 11, 1947

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held December 11, 1947 the home of Jeanette H. and Alexander C. Purdy following a period o worship and a talk by Homer Morris, of the American Friends Service Committee. The purpose of his visit was to get the meetings reacti to establishing an AFSC branch office in Boston. The consensus of thought was that a mere change in organization would not change our interest or work in the AFSC. The Meeting was grateful for Homer Morris' visit.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Paul Butterworth reported he had carried out the directive of the me ing in notifying his wife that she had been welcomed as an affiliate member. The committee appointed to welcome Frank J. Gademan reporte that they had a very pleasant visit.

Three out of four of the Meeting's representatives attended the Connecticut Council of Churches Conference held November 30. H. Paul Cleaver reported that there was considerable feeling that a Laymen's Assembly for men should be started. Although no new organization was set up along these lines, there was a great feeling of fellowship based on common Christian principles. Paul Cleaver recommended the Meeting keep in close contact with the activities of the Council. Paul Butterworth pointed out that Paul Cleaver has been doing an excellent job in the Connecticut Council of Churches.

Mabel G. Bailey reported that the women's organization is very strong and that they had a very profitable day at the conference.

The Program Committee announced that they hoped to have Hugh Moore for the January supper meeting and the Ralston Thomas' for February.

The Education Committee announced that the discussion at 10 A.M. Sunday December 14 is to be on the subject of "Other Service Committees Besides the AFSC" to be led by Elizabeth T. Butterworth.

Paul Butterworth reporting for the Peace and Service Committee herewil announced the arrival of George Troffimoff by air from France arrivin in this country December 10, 1947. Geo. Troffimoff was present in the meeting where he received a warm welcome.

The Clerk stated that annual reports would be due for the January Monthly Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from the Friends Fellowship Councel which was an appeal for funds to meet a $1500.00 deficit. The Meeting authorized a modest contribution for this purpose, the exact amount to be decided by the Finance Committee.

Alexander C. Purdy reported that he had been chosen as chairman of both the Friends Fellowship Council and the American Committee of Friends World Committee for Consultation in an effort to unite the two organizations in a meeting to be held in Washington, D. C. in January, 1948.

Paul Butterworth again brought the Quaker Lane Grounds possibilities to the Meeting attention. There was some feeling that a special Meeting might well be set aside for consideration of our 1948 plans for the project.

e meeting was concluded after a few moments of worship.

Alexander D. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

anuary 8, 1948

he Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular business eeting on January 8, following the meeting for worship.

he minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

he Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee had sent $15.00 to e Fellowship Council as directed by the meeting in December.

he Clerk then called for annual reports of the Committees.

he Committee on Ministry and Counsel stated that the record of the ommittee's work in 1947 was recorded in the minutes and that a written eport would merely be repetition. The Committee also reported it had eceived a letter from Cambridge Monthly Meeting stating that Marian Cartland and C. Frank Cartland have been removed from the Cambridge mbership at their request. Up until this time they had a dual membership; now their full membership is with the Hartford Meeting.

he Committee on Ministry and Council also reported that Donald Purdy ad requested a sojourning membership while he was attending Upper ublin Monthly Meeting in Norristown, Pa. The Clerk said with Meeting pproval he would write the Clerk of Upper Dublin Meeting stating we ave no sojourning membership but that Donald Purdy is a member in od standing in Hartford Monthly Meeting and that we would be glad have him taken as a sojourning member at Norristown. The Meeting proved the Clerk's proposal.

he Finance Committee made the following report: (see page 129a)

he suggestion was made that perhaps there was some way of eliminating estrictions from some of the contributions made to the Meeting for ecific purposes only. The feeling was also expressed that we should ave funds all of which could be spent by the meeting as authorized in e budget or as passed on by the whole meeting. Another point brought it was that the Finance Committee had spent money which was outside the budget without the knowledge of the whole meeting.

e Finance Committee on the other hand wanted it understood that special ontributions for certain emergency expenditures had been received outide of the general fund.

nother suggestion was that perhaps a larger group than the Finance Comittee or a special business meeting could be called to pass on emergency xpenditures in the future.

ny further discussion on ways to handle the meeting finances was disontinued until the February meeting when the 1948 budget is to be conidered.

he Recorder presented the following report:

Statistics for Hartford Monthly Meeting, 1947

	Active	Associate	Total
1. Number of members last year	51	19	70

		Active	Asso.	Tot
2.	Additions by request	1	1	2
3.	Additions by letter	4	2	6
4.	Total additions	5	3	8
5.	Loss by letter	2	1	3
6.	Total loss	2	1	3
7.	Number of members this year	54	21	75
8.	Net gain	3	2	5
9.	No. of males	26	12	38
10.	No. of females	28	9	37
11.	No. under 21 yrs. of age		21	21
12.	No. of adult members	54		54
13.	No. of associate members		21	21
14.	No. of resident members	39	15	54
15.	No. of non-resident members	15	6	21
16.	No. of resident ministers	3		3
17.	No. engaged in foreign mission work	1		1
18.	No. married this year	2		2
19.	No. married according to the discipline	1		1
20.	No. teaching	10		
21.	No. children between 6 and 21 yrs.	8		
22.	No. in grammar school	5		
23.	No. in college	2		
	No. in professional school	3		
24.	No. in high school	2		

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Alice E. Jorgensen

The Meeting approved the report and was grateful to Alice E. Jorgensen for her work. Alexander C. Purdy suggested the list of members be looked over periodically and non-residents be advised to join Meetings in their locality.

The Education Committee made the following reports:

> The Education Committee has arranged for discussion groups to be held preceeding meeting each Sunday morning at 10 am. Members o the meeting have been most kind and helpful in taking part and leading these discussions. Last winter and spring the discussio were on various subjects in which Friends are or should be interested and what contributions Friends could make in these fields, under the title of "Quaker Climate" in Education, Business, Welf Medicine, Race Relations, Worship, and others.
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> During the fall and early winter the discussions have been on th work of the American Friends' Service Committee and relief work of all kinds. Again the members of the meeting have led these discussions which have been very rewarding for those who have attended. The group has not been large but we hope it has been worth while.
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> Several new families have come to Hartford and it seemed wise to start a nursery school again. As there were not enough of our own children to make a really successful nursery school it was decided to open it to the children of parents residing on the Seminary campus. Miss Baxter opened the Nursery school room of the School of Religious Education and secured a trained teacher for us. The school has been running for thirteen weeks and has

Financial Statement Fiscal Year 1947

G EXPENSES	Appropriated	Payments	Appropriated but not spent	Restricted Funds not spent
am Committee	$ 75.00	$ 22.55	$ 52.45	$
tality	25.00	21.74	3.26	
ry School	60.00	58.00	2.00	
ature	25.00	15.65	9.35	
tin and Secretarial	125.00	93.67	31.33	
d	10.00	---	10.00	
al Operating (Seminary)	100.00	100.00	---	
llaneous	5.00	13.25	-8.25	
ane Grounds	1000.00	438.75		561.25
Meetings	300.00	213.00	87.00	
Operating Expenses	$1725.00	$ 976.61	$ 187.14	$ 561.25
OTHERS				
g Committee	$ 75.00	$ 59.60	$ 15.40	$
ean Newcomers Expenses	350.00	767.50	-417.50	
Parcels	210.00	233.53	- 23.53	
	250.00	250.00	---	
ibutions and Donations	663.00	563.00	---	100.00
al Work for Others	$1548.00	$1873.63	$-425.63	$ 100.00
TAL	$3273.00	$2850.24	$-238.49	$ 661.25

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lance from Last Year	$ 818.65	
ntributions*	2762.10	
Total Income		$3580.75
EXPENSES		2850.24
CE ON HAND 12-31-47		$ 730.51
icted Funds		661.25
Available 12-31-47		$ 69.26

S OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Members	
r of Resident Members	36
r of Contributors	28
dent Members	
r of Non-Resident Members	17
r of Contributors	7
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r of Contributors	9
ontributed by Members	$1425.10
ontributed by Non-Members	1337.00
ntributions	$2762.10

Amount of Contribution	Number of Contributions
$1000.00	1
311.30	1
250.00	1
225.00	1
100.00	3
90.00	1
50.00	2
45.00	1
30.15	1
30.00	1
25.00	3
20.00	3
Less than 20.00	13

been a successful venture. Although there have not been Quaker Children present every Sunday, there has been a good group and the parents of children living on campus have been most appreciative of the opportunity to send their children to the school.

(signed) Jeannette H. Purdy, Ch.

In our library there are 66 books, and 69 pamphlets. Of these 27 books and 19 pamphlets were added during the year. From this number 25 books and 12 pamphlets were gifts, 17 of the books being from the A. Viola Horisberg collection. The total number now in our possession is approximately 135-a few are not cataloged. We have bought two new books. We also continue to subscribe to Pacifist Research Bureau and Human Events pamphlets. A number of Pendle Hill Pamphlets and books are on order, and we expect to get others as they are published during this year.

Our records show a circulation of seventy books and pamphlets for the past twelve months, fourteen of which were "out" over summer.

We hope our members will help us develop a policy of keeping our books in active use. We want particularly to speed up the use and return of material of current interest. This does not mean that we wish to hurry anyone's reading; but we do want to keep in mind the fact that our collection is small, and we therefore need them as soon as may be to lend again. The valuable articles in our Friends' periodicals we are especially anxious to circulate as well as possible. Copies of the Intelligencer, The American Friend and The Friend, (ARCE Street) have been handed to us by subscribers when thru with them, and may be borrowed.

We hope in the near future to have lists of our books available for general distribution.

On behalf of the Education Committee,

(signed) Edith C. Clapp

e Meeting approved and was grateful for the excellent reports by the ucation Committee.

e Hospitality Committee reported:

During the past year the Hospitality committee arranged three covered dish suppers, one at the Butterworth's and two at the Purdy's. We also arranged two supper meetings at the Seminary dining room.

Quarterly meeting dinner was held at the Seminary dining room and overnight accommodations were arranged for delegates. Following the afternoon meeting, tea was served by the committee in Hartranft Hall.

I should like to express my appreciation for the work of the members of the committee and all others who helped.

(signed) Bernice L. Smith

e Meeting expressed hearty appreciation of the Committee's work ecially on the part of the Chairman, Bernice L. Smith.

The Nominating Committee gave the meeting a list of nominations proposed for 1948. After a few additions the meeting approved the report as follows: (see 132a)

The Program Committee made the following report which was approved by the meeting:

> The program committee has kept informed of any visiting Friends and those nearby who might be available to come to speak to us at our monthly supper meetings.
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> We have been particularly fortunate in having several friends from local groups of interests meet with us and tell us of their work----as the Federation of churches, social welfare, hospitals, etc. A few of our own group were connected with different projects during the summer and returned in the fall to share reports of such as work camps, institutes, yearly meetings, and conferences.
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> Since the bulletins and minutes contain an account of these meetings and leaders they are not listed here in detail.
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> Your committee has arranged for a speaker usually the fourth Thursday evening in each month--omitting the summer ones.
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> For the program committee, (signed)
>
> Glenn Roberts
> Robert Smith
> Mabel G. Bailey (Ch.)

The Sewing Committee reported:

> January 1947, the sum of $75.00 was alloted to the Sewing Committee. Of this, $20.00 was spent for yarn and $39.60 for materials for their work.
>
> The Sewing Group met on an average of twice a month except through July and August.
>
> We made 36 knitted sweaters, mittens, socks, and caps, and 116 new garments. We also reconditioned several boxes of second-hand clothing, and one box of new clothing which I did not itemize.
>
> The boxes were packed and sent by Ruth Kirk, who contributed the postage, to the Service Committee in Philadelphia. Also some boxes of second-hand clothing were sent to Boston.
>
> (signed) Elizabeth Shaw, Ch.

The Meeting approved the report and expressed thanks for the good work done by the group.

The Peace and Service Committee reported: (see page 132b)

The meeting approved the report and expressed appreciating for the work which has been carried on by so few individuals. The concern was expressed that the meeting should enter more into the Peace and Service Committee activities in the future, and also that the active indivuals should share more of their experiences with the entire meeting.

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 8, 1948

mmittee on nistry and unsel:	Moses Bailey, co-chairman Edith C. Clapp, co-chman Paul Butterworth Jeannette H. Purdy Marion B. Cartland
erk:	Alexander C. Purdy
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easurer:	Thomas R. Bodine
corder and rrespondent:	Alice E. Jorgensen
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ogram mmittee:	Mabel Bailey, Chairman George Halford W. Glenn Roberts Robert A. Smith
wing mmittee:	Elizabeth D. Shaw, ~~Chman~~ Co-Chairmen Ruth H. Kirk, co-chairman
Peace and Service Committee:	H. Paul Cleaver, Chma Lucia Barber Paul Butterworth Frank J. Gademan Theodore Paullin Rollin Zane Bernard Wojan
Quaker Lane Grounds Committee:	Paul Butterworth, Chm H. Paul Cleaver Thomas P. Harvey George H. Shaw
Bulletin Committee:	Lois D. Williams, Chm Carolyn deCou Frances deCou Cassandra White

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The Clerk is ex-offcio member of all Committees. The Treasurer is ex-officio member of the Peace and Service Committee.

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

REPORT OF PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE - JANUARY 8, 1948

Although the full Committee met only once during the year, individual members have worked together on several projects of foreign relief and immigration. By doing what we could for a few people in need abroad, the Committee hoped to symbolize Hartford Meeting's interest and concern for all people everywhere suffering as a result of the War.

Twenty-two CARE packages for Europe and two special food packages for Japan were despatched during the year in the name of Hartford Meeting at a total cost of $233.53. The European packages were sent to individuals known to Tom Bodine in France and Germany and the Japan packages were sent to individuals known to Robert Walker. An attempt was made to choose persons representing several segments of foreign social and economic life, who were not receiving help in other ways and who needed the encouragement and lift that packages bring.

Among those helped were a lady in Paris who had aided grounded British and American flyers to escape from France during the War and is ill from the treatment she received from the Nazis as a result, a woman who worked long and loyally for the French Quakers in Marseille throughout the War, a young man in a French prison for attending the meetings of an anti-communist political party, a French girl in Germany who renounced her French citizenship to marry a German soldier she had met during the War, a French laboring couple who shared in the work of the French Communist Party, a student active in French Catholic circles, a young French Government worker, a White Russian lady who has struggled courageously to keep her family together through many trials and tribulations, a young French woman of high ideals and great efficiency who has done an outstanding job of helping others less fortunate than herself at great risk to herself, and several others.

Many individuals today are unable to make their full contribution in Europe because of political handicaps: displaced from their place of birth, without adequate papers, unable to return home, unable to work or remain where they are, unable to develop themselves and their families.

To symbolize our concern for such persons, the Committee undertook the emigration to the United States of George Trofimoff, a White Russian boy born in Berlin, whose family was presumed destroyed in the Allied bombing of Berlin, who came to Paris with the American Army to escape the liberation of Eastern Germany by the Soviets, who was unable to remain and work and live in Paris, and was subject to deportation to Eastern Germany. George arrived in Hartford on December 10 after a dramatic departure by airplane from strike-torn France. His arrival was sponsored by friends of the Meeting and his future plans for studying at Hillyer Junior College, living at the YMCA, and working in Hartford are maturing rapidly. He is a fine young man and has already won many warm friends among us.

Alexandre Benzemann and his wife and two small children are still in France. He and Mrs. Benzemann are White Russians who fled to France by devious routes after the First World War and find little

security or hope for their children in present-day France. He worked with Tom Bodine in 1945 and 1946 in administering the supply end of the Quaker food and clothing relief program and is still on the staff of the American Friends Service Committee in Paris.

Documents in support of the Benzemanns were filed by one member and one friend of the Meeting early in the summer to supplement other documents furnished by a Philadelphia Friend~~s~~. Arrangements have been made with the Tolstoy Foundation to feed and house them on their arrival in this country, and the American Friends Service Committee is assuming responsibility for finding Alexandre a job. Latest reports indicate that Alexandre has received a quota number, but in view of the vast number of applicants for immigration visas into the United States, his number is not likely to be called until well into 1949 unless Congress liberalizes the Immigration Laws.

Nellie Putz, an old friend of the Meeting from pre-War days, sister pf Friedel Weinberg who came to us in 1938 and aunt of Kurt Weinberg who came in 1941, arrived in the United States in April under our sponsorship after years of effort. She worked during the summer at Lake Placid and is now at Miami Beach, Florida. While she has not settled in Hartford, various members of the Meeting keep in close touch with her.

These represent the organized activities of the Peace and Service Committee during the past year. Much else has been accomplished by the work individual members of the Meeting have been doing through other organizations and on their own. While it is as nothing in the face of world-wide human suffering,

"It is better to light a candle
Than to curse the darkness."

For the Committee,

TRB

Paul Butterworth, Convener

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The following minute defining the duties of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee and describing the Annual Budget, the General Fund, and Special Funds, will be proposed for adoption at the meeting on March 11, 1948:

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall receive all money contributed to the Meeting and deposit it in the name of the Meeting in a national or state bank approved by the Meeting. All funds belonging to the Meeting shall be disbursed only as directed by the Meeting. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and disbursed, and shall submit a complete report of the state of the treasury at the end of each fiscal year, and at any other time ordered by the Meeting.

Finance Committee - A Finance Committee of three shall be elected from the members of the Meeting. The Finance Committee shall prepare a statement or budget of necessary and desirable expense at the beginning of each fiscal year, and publish same by bulletin to the members, a reasonable time prior to the meeting at which the statement or budget is to be considered. The Finance Committee may have such other duties as may be ordered by the Meeting.

Annual Budget - Approval by the Meeting of the several items in the budget shall be the Treasurer's authority to pay such items as they may be due, and as funds are available.

General Fund - All money contributed to the Meeting, and not specially designated for any other purpose, shall go into the General Fund. Items approved as part of the budget may be paid from the General Fund, but no part of the General Fund may be used for any other purpose without the consent of the Meeting.

Special Funds - With the consent of the Meeting, contributions may be received for projects outside of the Annual Budget, but in keeping with the general purposes of the Meeting. Disbursements from any such special fund may be made only as ordered by the Meeting, but the Meeting may delegate to the Finance Committee, authority over any such fund. Such Special Funds may be deposited in the name of the Meeting in its general bank account, but the Treasurer shall keep a separate account of each such fund. The Treasurer shall report upon all Special Funds as a part of his annual report, or at such times as may be ordered by the Meeting.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Suggested Budget for 1948

MEETING COMMITTEES AND OBLIGATIONS

Education Committee (Nursery School)	$150.00	
Librarian	20.00	
Sewing Committee	75.00	
Program Committee	50.00	
Hospitality Committee	25.00	
Travel	10.00	
Bulletin & Secretarial	100.00	
General Operating (Seminary)	100.00	
Superior Meeting Assessments	150.00	
Quaker Lane Grounds	200.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
Total Meeting Committees and Organizations		$900.00

FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

American Friends Service Committee	150.00	
Yearly Meeting Budget for Activities	50.00	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25.00	
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00	
Friends World Committee	10.00	
Pendle Hill	10.00	
Total Friends Organizations and Committees		270.00

OTHER CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Hartford Federation of Churches	17.00	
Connecticut Council of Churches	10.00	
Women's Church Union	3.00	
Total Other Church Organizations		30.00

PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Illustrative projects, funds to be allocated by the Committee)

Food Parcels to Rebuild Leadership Abroad		
Expenses of Newcomers from Europe		
Race Relations Contributions		
Educational and Other Aid to Conscientious Objectors		
Anti-conscription Contributions		
Other Peace & Service Committee Concerns		
Total Peace and Service Committee		250.00

GRAND TOTAL	$1450.00

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee made the following report which was approved:

> The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee in 1947 continued the work of exterminating the poison ivy on the tract in its charge and had trees pruned and new bruch and weeds cleared away. Costs as well as the unexpended balance in the fund appear in the Treasurer's report. It is hoped that one more summer of chemical treatment may suffice to complete substantially the eradication of the ivy.
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> Also during the past year neighbors, the West Hartford Town Manager and representatives of the Recreation, Education and Police Department with others interested in local welfare needs have been consulted to obtain suggestions as to possible future uses of the grounds. No commitments have bben made nor implied in the absence of Meeting action but there are intimations that certain frfunds will become available for use in the development of a building on the grounds if it may serve in part some community purpose. A small nursery school has been recommended especially. There seems to be general acceptance, however, of the view that the present is no time for promoting a building project.
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> (signed) Paul Butterworth, for the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee

In the line of new business the Clerk announced that Quarterly Meeting would be held January 24 and 25 at New Haven. Mabel G. Bailey, Program Committee Chairman, one of the regular delegates, expected to attend. Frank J. Gademan was appointed as the second representative to take the place of Alexander C. Purdy who would not be able to attend. Others also hoped to attent.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

A. C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
R. B. Walker, Recording Clerk

February 12, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular business meeting in Hartranft Hall on February 12 following the meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Clerk reported he had communicated with Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting regarding Donald Purdy's sojourning membership as proposed in the January Meeting.

Mabel Bailey, representative to Quarterly Meeting held at New Haven and others reported on the interesting sessions there. At this meeting Henry Cadbury told of his experiences in receiving the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the AFSC and Friends Service Counsel of London in Oslo, Norway. It was reported that eight members of the Hartford Meeting went to New Haven for this Quarterly Meeting.

The Finance Committee reported that the budget was not completed because all committees had not sent in their estimate of needed funds for 1948. The general form of the budget was discussed to some extent but was referred back to the Committee to be presented at the next meeting.

The Program Committee reported final plans had been made for the supper meeting on February 26 when Ralston and Editha Thomas are to speak on their year in Hungary for the A.F.S.C.

The Education Committee reported that a new series of discussion groups on the Queries are being held at 10 A.M. on Sundays with good attendance.

The concern was expressed that the Peace and Service Committee should meet in the near future to start on its year's activities.

A tentative time for such a committee meeting was set with the hope that all the members of the committee would be in attendance.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

A. C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

March 18, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met for the regular business meeting in Hartranft Hall on March 18, 1948.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended Juan Roura (known as Dr. Juan Roura Perrella in Spanish speaking countries) of Middletown for membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved the Committee's recommendation and appointed Marion Cartland and Theodore Banks to welcome him. The Clerk was directed to write Juan Roura and tell him of the Meetings action.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel asked members to consider the advisability on continuing Thursday evening meetings and to advise committee members of their feelings on the matter.

The following minute defining the duties of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee was presented to the Meeting by the Finance Committee. (see page 134 a) The Meeting approved this minute feeling that it was a clear cut report and directed that a copy be placed with the "Certificate of Organization of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends." in the minute book.

The budget for 1948 was presented by the Finance Committee. After increasing the Education Committee budget to $250.00 and decreasing the Peace and Service Committee budget to $150.00 the meeting approved the following budget. (see page 134 b)

The Treasurer announced a gift of $500.00 to the Meeting from a trust established by Harrison Butterworth. In view of the donor's special interests in the possibilities of service of the Quaker

Lane Grounds Committee and in work for others under the Peace and Service Committee, the Finance Committee suggested that $250.00 go to each of these Committees. The Meeting expressed gratitude for such a generous gift and approved the Treasurer's suggestion. The Meeting directed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Harrison Butterworth.

The Hospitality Committee asked guidance in deciding on plans for dinner Sunday noon for Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford April 25. The Meeting felt that it was most convenient for the Seminary to serve us but authority to make all plans were referred back to the Committee.

The Education Committee announced that Sunday morning discussion groups will be continued through April 18th.

The Program Committee asked the Meeting if a supper meeting should be scheduled in April since Quarterly Meeting is also planned for this month. The Meeting left it up to the Committee to decide depending on the availability of a speaker.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that only two persons had been spoken for on the Committees list of ten to receive CARE packages and letters. Under this plan outlined in the March Bulletin the Meeting was to sponsor the program by having a form letter from the Meeting as a whole go to each individual as well as a personal letter from the Meeting member who agreed to write.

The suggestion was made that the meeting should act through the AFSC when it was acting as a Meeting as a whole in its work for others abroad and that the Peace and Service Committee plan be carried out on an individual basis. This plan was approved by the Meeting with the hope expressed that more members would feel called upon to correspond and send CARE packages as individuals to the European friends listed in the March Bulletin and others.

The suggestion was made to send a letter to Paul Butterworth from the Meeting wishing him a quick recovery from his recent illness. The Meeting approved the plan.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

April 8, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting was held April 8, 1948 in Hartranft Hall following the meeting for worship.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

It was reported that Marian Cartland and Theodore Banks had not as yet had a chance to visit Juan Roura but intended to do so soon. The Clerk reported he had written Juan Roura concerning the Meetings action in accepting him in membership.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel made the following report on the spiritual condition of the Hartford Monthly Meeting. This report is to be read in Quarterly Meeting:

We recognize the power of the Spirit of Worship in our meetings, and that all acceptable ministry proceeds from a sense of the Divine Presence. Among our members there is a great variety of "gifts", and we endeavor to encourage each individu to face his own responsibility for his share in the worship as he feels clearly called upon to do, We are encouraged by an increased attendance and by more general participation in the vocal ministry. We regret that our meetings for business have not been so largely attended as our meetings for worship.

We have been concerned to use our members on the committees which especially interest them, in some cases including attenders where they wish to serve. Several join us also in such activities as supper and speaker meetings, Sunday morning discussion groups, the circle of women who sew for the A.F.S.C., and in the free use of our little library. This year we have had a Sunday nursery school for little children which takes in non-members who live on the Seminary campus, and which is led by a teacher from the School of Religious Education. We feel this to be an encouraging and important step in our growt

Our members participate in many activities outside the meeting itself: in the work of Friends of the Yearly Meeting, of the Five Years Meeting, and elsewhere; in church organizations of both city and state; in the Christian Associations; Peace and interracial organizations; in volunteer work in the hospitals; and in educational, business and industrial groups. Several among us have served abroad, and one is now teaching in Lebano Interest in sufferers from the war is keen. This year, with financial help from non-members, we have brought to this count on refugee whom we are endeavoring to help get settled in work and study. It is our concern that this service may grow, that may by such contacts offer what hope and cheer we can, and ourselves gain a deeper sense of our obligation toward those in such desperate need.

(signed) Moses Bailey

The Meeting expressed general approval of the report but suggested that a statement concerning the attendance of the monthly business meetings/be included in the report.
which has not been as good as we would like,
The suggestion was made that the report be read in Sunday morning meeting for worship. The Meeting approved this plan.

There was some discussion of taking a count of the attendance of al our gatherings. No action was taken on this suggestion.

The Recorder made the following statistical report for 1947:

		Ac.	Ass.	Tot
1.	No. of members last year	51	19	70
2.	Additions due to omissions last year	1		1
3.	Additions by request	1	1	2
4.	Additions by certificate from another Meeting	4	2	6
5.	Total additions	6	3	9
6.	Loss due to removal of persons included by error last year.		3	3
7.	Loss due to transfer to active membership		1	1
8.	Loss by certificate to another Friends Meeting	2	1	3
9.	Total loss	2	5	7
10.	Member this year	55	17	72

11.	Net gain	4		2
12.	Net loss		2	
13.	Number of males	26	9	35
14.	Number of females	29	8	37
15.	Number under 21 years of age		17	17
16.	Number of associate members (~~active~~)		17	17
17.	Number of associate members transfered to active		1	1
18.	Number of resident members			52
19.	Number of non-resident members			20

(signed) Alice E. Jorgensen, Recorder

The question of the definition of a "resident member" was brought up. After some discussion it was decided to put the question up to the Quarterly Meeting.

The Hospitality Committee announced the supper meeting plans to be held at the Seminary Thursday April 15.

The Program Committee announced that Alexander C. Purdy will speak on the "Gospel of John and the Message of Friends" at the April 15th supper meeting.

The Peace and Service Committee reported seven names on the CARE package and letter list had been taken and that the last three were about to be taken.

Thomas R. Bodine spoke of a letter from the A.F.S.C. which stated that a German boy of Jewish descent in Holland wants to come to the United States and needs a sponsor. He is faced with deportation to Germany for having criticized the Dutch Government in a rash moment. He attended the Almen School run by Dutch Quakers.

The Meeting expressed interest in the boy and hoped a sponsor may be found.

The Meeting adjourned after a few moments of worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

May 13, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 13, 1948 after a supper and social hour at the home of Florence and William Greene.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after on correction.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel stated that they had received a letter from Mary J. Cox, Clerk of Cambridge Monthly Meeting on behalf of Charles M. Brashares who wishes to transfer his membership to Hartfort Monthly Meeting. The Committee recommended that Charles M. Brashares be welcomed to membership, and appointed Thomas R. Bodine and Robert B. Walker to visit him and welcome him as a new member.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also read a letter from Donald R. Purdy who wished his membership transfered from Hartfort Monthly Meeting to Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting where he is residing now. The Meeting approved of this request as it has been our policy to encourage our non-residence members to take up regualr membership in t locality where they are living. The Meeting asked the Clerk to prepare and send the transfer of membership. It was reported that Mari Cartland and Theodore Banks had a very pleasant visit with Juan Rou welcoming him to Meeting membership.

The Treasurer reported the following contribution outside the regul budget: $50.00 for the Peace and Service Committee and two $10.00 gifts for CARE. The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to accept thes generous gifts. The Treasurer also reported that only $550 of the $1450.00 for the 1948 budget had been contributed to date, while $57 had been contributed outside the general fund.

The Hospitality Committee had no report but its work of planning and serving supper was appreciated by the Meeting. The Meeting wished t express thanks for the Greene's hospitality.

The Education Committee reported that May 16th would be the last day of Sunday School until next fall as the Seminary closes shortly afte that.

The Librarian reported that several books and pamphlets had been loaned out to members who have not returned them for an extended period of time. It was hoped that these may soon be returned.

The Program Committee asked the Meeting its wishes about a June Supper Meeting. It was generally agreed that too many would be away for the summer to plan such a meeting until fall.

Mabel Bailey and Robert Smith our representatives to Quarterly Meeting held on April 25th in Hartford at the Seminary, reported briefly on the meeting. They reported very favorably on the address given by Moses Bailey on "Palestine, Past and Present".

The Peace and Service Committee gave a very full report on their plans for the rest of the year. All the names were reported taken on the CARE package and letter project.

After the close of the business, James A. Coney, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting gave a very interesting talk on the world wide recognition the Society of Friends is now receiving due to its unique message.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

June 10, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 10, 1948 in Hartranft Hall after a meeting for worship.

Paul Butterworth was appointed Clerk protem in the absence of Alexander Purdy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after correction.

Thomas R. Bodine and Virginia Costales reported that they had had a interesting visit with Lydia ~~Klayber~~ Kloiber, who has shown considerable interest in our activities; particularly those of the Peace and Servic

Committee.

The Sewing Committee reported that they had met recently and planned to meet again in June to work on some exhibits for the Yearly Meeting to be held at Andover, Massachusetts.

Thomas R. Bodine reported that the Peace and Service Committee planned to send $50.00 to the Friends Committee on National Legislation. With Meeting approval it was decided to send a list of members and attenders with the contribution so interested persons could be included on the mailing list. Cards will also be sent by our Peace and Service Committee to the Friends Committee on National Legislation which can be sent to our membership stating that Hartford Monthly Meeting had supplied the names and addresses in order to interest more people in the work of this committee in Washington, D. C.

A grateful letter from George Trofimoff was read and is included in the minutes below:

> "Dear Friends of the Hartford Meeting!
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> I was very touched, when I received last night out of the hands of Tom Bodine your two presents. It's the first time since I left my father's home, that somebody was thinking of me, and let me feel that I have a birthday, and that I'am alone no more, that many good friends are on my side, which are doing everything possible to make me feel at home. I'm very gratefull to all you, who are considering me as one of your family, and I only hope, that it allways be like this, and that you never will be disapointed in anything I'll do.
>
> So, once more thank you very much for everything
>
> Very heartily
>
> (signed) George Trofimoff"

The suggestion was made that a letter be written from the Meeting to Glenn and Zora Roberts at the time of a serious illness of their three year old son. The Meeting approved and Paul Butterworth was appointed to carry this out.

It was also suggested that a letter from Hartford Meeting be sent to George and Florence Selleck at the time of their departure for 18 months service in Finland, and a letter to Marjorie who is going to Germany. The Meeting approved this plan and appointed Paul Butterworth to write these letters.

The acting clerk had a communication from Dr. Juan Roura (known as Dr. Perrella in Spanish speaking countries) stating that he was to be appointed chairman of the Conference on International Understanding to be held in Caracuso, Venezuela this summer and would like a minente from our Meeting to take with him. The Meeting agreed to grant the request and appointed Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, to write such a minute.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Paul Butterworth, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

October 14, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on October 14, 194
in Hartranft Hall after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk, reported he had written the minute for Dr. Juan Roura (Perella) as requested in the June business meeting.

The Clerk also reported that Moses Bailey of Hartford Meeting was about to leave for Tel Aviv in Palestine to make a survey for the A.F.S.C. to see what relief work could be carried on for Arabs and Jews in the new country of Isreal.

The Meeting listened intently to this interesting report and suggested a letter be sent to Moses Bailey telling him of our personal prayers for the success of his mission and that our spirits unite i
his efforts. Alexander C. Purdy was appointed to write such a lett

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that they had receiv
a form called "Acceptance of Certificate of Removal" from Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting on the behalf of Donald A. Purdy, dated May 14, 1948.

The Committee's second item was a recommendation that Charles Rolli
Zane, his wife Frances Marsh Zane and their two sons Charles Maitla
Zane and Craig Kercheval Zane formerly of Camden Monthly Meeting, Camden, Delaware be accepted as members of Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved the recommendation and appointed Glenn Roberts and Jeanette and Alexander Purdy to visit the Zanes and welcome them to membership.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also reported that Malcolm an
Marion Russell wanted to release their membership here as they have had a dual membership since moving to Westtown, Pa. The Meeting approved of this request.

The Committee suggested it be allowed to go over the membership list and suggest that non-resident, non-active members take up membership near their present location. The Meeting approved this plan.

The Finance Committee reported that approximately half of the money for the 1948 general fund had been raised to date. The Committee hoped that a statement to this effect would go in the next Bulletin. The Meeting approved of this suggestions.

The Finance Committee reported on a legacy of $4242.54 made availabl
to the Meeting by Paul Butterworth. In 1947 Paul Butterworth purchased an annuity for Ellen Parnell, who was for a long time a helpe
in the Butterworth family. Ellen Parnell died in Ireland on June 2
1948, and the balance of the annuity has been paid to the Hartford Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting welcomed this gift and expressed warmly its thanks and appreciation.

Thomas R. Bodine was appointed to write a letter of thanks. The Meeting concurred in the suggestion of the donor that it be used to maintain and develop the Quaker Lane Grounds; however, it was not the intention of the donor to restrict the fund as the Meeting may at some future time decide this money could be better used in another way. The Meeting plans to set up Trustees to handle the investment of this fund.

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The Hospitality Committee and Program Committee reported jointly that Quarterly Meeting is to be held at Northampton on the 24th and a Supper Meeting is to be held on the 28th with supper at the Seminary. The speaker is to be announced later.

The Education Committee reported that Martha Perry is heading up the Sunday School program. The enrollment is 14, although last weeks' attendance was only 3. The Committee is planning for a class for 9 to 11 year olds.

The Committee also reported that discussion groups are being held regularly Sunday at 10 A.M. The present series is on the "Meeting for Worship".

The Librarian reported that Mrs. Frank Rathbun had sent in quite a group of pamphlets for the Library.

The Peace and Service Committee hopes to have a program for displaced persons and needy in Europe.

The Clerk read a letter from C. Marshall Taylor clarifying the question of who should sign the marriage certificate of marriages performed by the Religious Society of Friends. The State of Connecticut will recognize the signature of anyone appointed by the Meeting it does not have to be the Clerk. This letter will be kept with the original copies of the annual reports to be kept with the minute book.

Better look up the law when needed. It might be changed.

The question of continuing notices of our Meeting for Worship in Friends periodicals came up. The Meeting agreed to continue to run them feeling they are of value.

The Clerk read a letter from Concord Monthly Meeting, Concordville, Pa. telling of Walton Schroder, 77 No. Quaker Lane, who would be interested in our meeting.

The Clerk also read a letter from Lucy Perry of Chesterfield Monthly Meeting who is working on the "Christian Activities Council" in Hartford and would be interested in our activities.

A letter from Russel Brooks of the New England Yearly Meeting Peace Committee was read concerning the need for sympathetic understanding and help for young men facing the draft. There are 88 men of draft age in 31 meetings of the New England Yearly Meeting. The Meeting asked the Peace and Service Committee to take this matter under advisement.

Mabel Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee and Edith Clapp in place of Alexander Purdy were appointed representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Alexander Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

November 11, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on November 11, 19 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after correc ions.

Edith Clapp reported on the Quarterly Meeting held at Northampton on October 24th.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported it had received a communication from Preston Smith requesting full membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting. He is now an Associate Member. Alice Jorgensen and Wendell Clepper were appointed to visit Preston Smith concerning his request and report back to the Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that since the October Bulletin had been sen out which included a financial statement, $486.00 had been received leaving $350.00 to be raised before January 1, to meet the 1948 budg

The Hospitality Committee and Program Committee asked the Meeting what plans should be made for Supper Meetings during November and December in view of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Meeting had various ideas on this subject but referred the whole matter back to the Committees to bring forth a plan.

The Education Committee reported that Katherine Locke and Ralph Williams were the next leaders scheduled for the Sunday morning discussion group.

The Librarian reported that a visiting book would be installed by the next Sunday for registry of visitors.

The Sewing Committee reported continued activity in its work.

The Peace and Service Committee made the following report to the Meeting in line with the recommendation of the recent Quarterly Meeting concerning counseling service for young men of draft age:

> The recently held Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting recommended that the Monthly Meetings set up a counseling service for young men who are moved to live by the Peace Testimony of Friends. Accordingly the Peace and Service Committee of the Hartford Monthly Meeting submits the following as a minute suggested for adoption at the Meeting:
>
> The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends is in sympathy with young men everywhere who feel conscientious objection to war and to participation in the preparation for it. We share the general concern of Friends that these young people find a ready understanding of their views and warm support in their difficulties. Concurring with the recommendation of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting we authorize the Peace and Service Committee of this meeting to select from its members or otherwise a small group willing and able to give advice to any such young man who may be directed to them. Also we ask that Friends and others similarly concerned give this group all possible assistance it its endeavors.

The Meeting approved the Committees report which gives the Peace and

Service Committee authorization to appoint a committee to carry out such a counseling service.

Thomas R. Bodine suggested we broaden the base of C.O. help to join with other churches in our counseling service. The Meeting concurred with this idea and hoped this would be done as the way opens.

Paul Butterworth reported on the regional AFSC Meeting as Cambridge, Mass. The main theme of this get-together was to get monthly meetings backing and interest in the AFSC activities. This small regional committee has a yearly budget of $43,700.00.

The Chairman of the Peace and Service Committee gave a report on the general policy of steering the committees activities in already existing and organized channels rather than start out on a large project of our own. The Meeting generally concurred with this thought but the suggestion was made that we should go on thinking and planning for a unique project of our own making to carry out when the proper leadership is found.

The Nominating Committee suggested the following appointments for a committee to administer the Quaker Lane Grounds Fund.

Paul Butterworth	- 3 years
H. Paul Cleaver	- 2 years
Thos. P. Harvey	- 1 year

The Meeting approved the appointments.

Before the Meeting closed, C. Lloyd Bailey, associate of Raymond Wilson on the Friends Committee on National Legislation gave a very interesting talk on the Committee's activities in Washington, D. C. The Meeting was grateful for this pleasant contact.

A very interesting letter from Moses Bailey, now in Tel Aviv, Palestine was read to the Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

December 9, 1948

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on December 9, 1948 in Hartranft Hall following a Meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction.

The Peace and Service Committee reported the following members had been appointed to serve as counselors for young men of draft age:

Lucia Barber, Convenor
Paul Butterworth
Thomas R. Bodine
Theodore Paullin
Glenn Roberts

The Librarian reported that a book had been installed for registering visitors to our meetings.

Thomas R. Bodine reported that he had written a letter of thanks to Paul Butterworth for the gift which started the Quaker Lane Grounds fund.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel made the suggestion that refugees and others, whom the meeting had helped financially in time of emergency be notified, by some tactful means that it would be appropriate for them to return money according to their ability toward a revolving fund which would be used to help others in a similar plight at present. The Meeting approved of the principle of this plan and authorized the Treasurer to carry it out as a way opens.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel asked the Meetings consent to bury the urn containing Friedel Weinberg's ashes in the Quaker Lane Burial Grounds stating that all legal matters had been cleared with the West Hartford authorities. The Meeting gave consent to this proposal.

The Committee reported that Richmond K. Greene now a student at Amherst and an Associate Member of the Meeting is applying for full membership. Alice E. Jorgensen and Robert B. Walker were appointed to visit him and report back to the Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that it appeared that the 1948 budget would b met and more contributions could be made at this time and still go into 1949 with a small balance. In view of this the Meeting approve the following contributions:

Connecticut Council of Churches	$10.00
Seattle Meeting for Building Meeting House	10.00
Penn. State Mtg. " " " "	10.00
Friends World Committee	15.00
James Coney's Car Fund(Yrly. Mtg. Field Sec's)	25.00

The Treasurer also reported that the Library Committee and Program Committee had gone slightly over their budgets. The Meeting accepte these deficits but urged committees to plan for budgets which would care for their needs in light of previous experience.

The Sewing Committee reported it had met regularly during the last month.

The Clerk announced that written annual reports of the activities of the various committees should be ready for the annual meeting in January.

The meeting then concluded after a few minutes of silent worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert. B. Walker, Recording Clerk

January 13, 1949

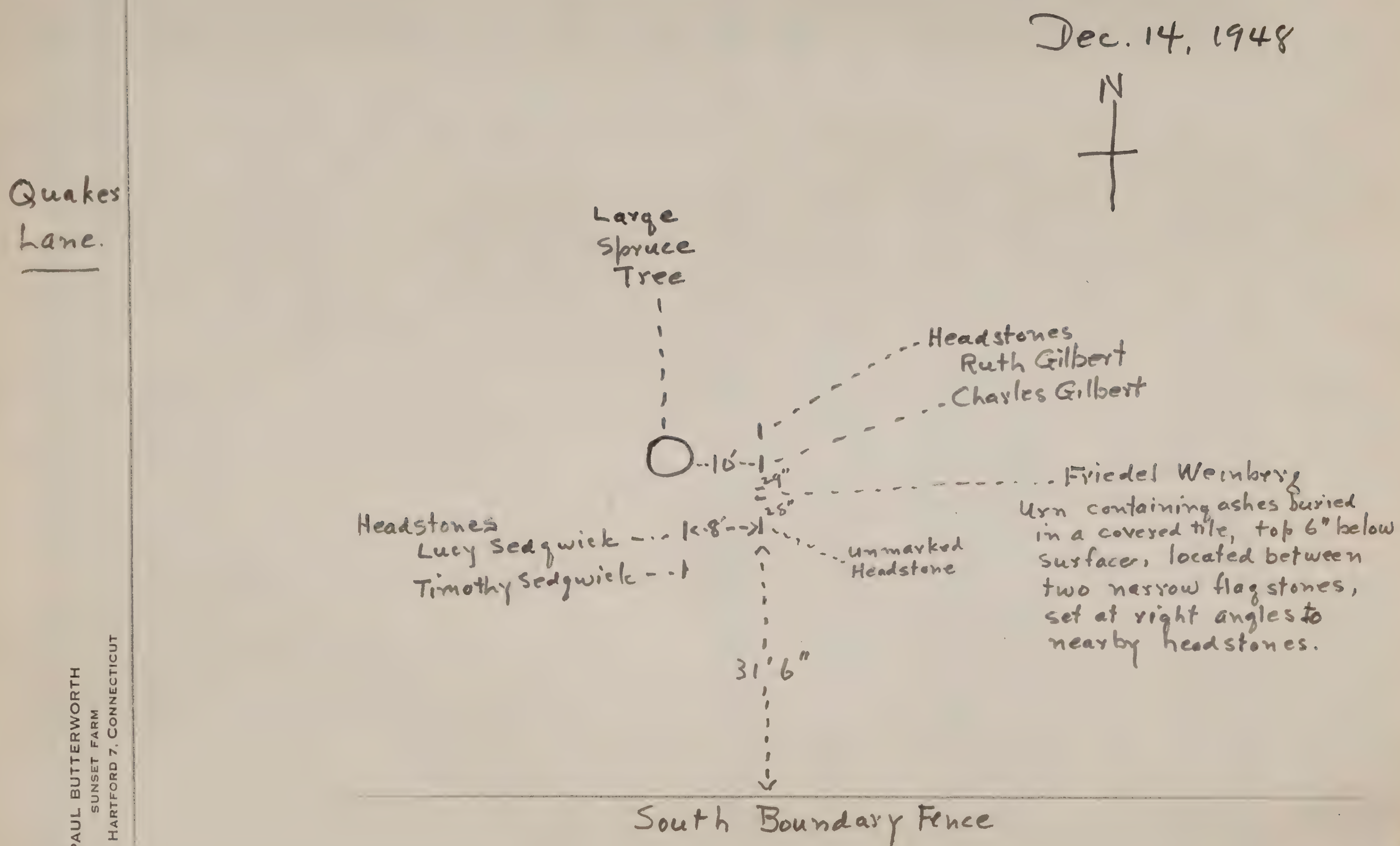
The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held January 13, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended Richmond K. Greene

Friends Grounds

Dec. 14, 1948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Quakes Lane.
Large Spruce Tree
16'
29"
25"
8'
31'6"
Headstones Ruth Gilbert Charles Gilbert
Friedel Weinberg
Headstones Lucy Sedgwick Timothy Sedgwick
unmarked Headstone
South Boundary Fence

Urn containing ashes buried in a covered tile, top 6" below surface, located between two narrow flag stones, set at right angles to nearby headstones.

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and Preston L. Smith for full membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved of this recommendation and expressed the hope that these two men may take active part in our meeting in the future as at present they both are living at some distance from Hartford.

The Committee also recommended that Ralph M. Williams be accepted as a new member and his daughters Lois Dimon Williams and Hannah Robinson Williams as Associate members; all transferring from Cambridge Monthly Meeting. Ralph M. Williams was also formerly a member of the Congregational Church in Amherst, Mass. and has been released from this membership.

The Meeting approved these acceptances and appointed Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth to welcome them.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel asked if there was a more suitable time for the monthly business meeting than the second Thursday of every month at 7:45 P.M. being aware that this is not an ideal time for many members. Due to the fact that the Seminary had carefully planned no activities in Hartranft Hall on Monthly Meeting night this academic year, it was decided to leave the time as it now is. However, the matter was left subject to review in the fall.

Annual Reports were given by all committees as follows:

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel made the following annual report: (see page 145 a)

THE Treasurer reported: (see page 145b) In this connection the Meeting felt that an early Bulletin with a financial report for 1948 and the proposed budget for 1949 would be desireable.

The Recorder made the following report:

Statistics for Hartford Meeting 1948

	A	As.	T
No of members last year	55	17	72
Additions by request	1		1
Additions by certificate	5		5
Total additions	6		6
Loss due to error in last years report	1		1
Loss by certificate to another Frs. Mtg.	3	2	5
Total Loss	4	2	6
Net gain	2		) 0
Net loss		2	)
No. of males	29	9	38
No. of females	28	6	34
No. under 21 yrs of age	2	15	17
No. of associate members		15	15
No. of Resident "	46	11	57
No. of non-resident "	11	4	15
No. of members this year	57	15	72

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Alice E. Jorgenson

The Hospitality Committee reported:

The hospitality committee has arranged for eight supper meetings during the past year. Six of them were held at the Seminary, one at the home of William and Florence Greene and the last on at the home of Alexander and Jeannette Purdy.

The committee also made arrangements for Quarterly meeting in April. Dinner was at the Seminary and tea as served by the committee following the afternoon meeting.

I would like to thank all those on the committee as well as all the others who helped make these meetings successful.

(signed) Bernice L. Smith

The Education Committee reported:

The Educational Committee of the hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends has arranged for an adult Discussion Group to meet eac Sunday morning prior to the meeting for Worship with different members of the meeting acting as leaders. The subjects considered have been"The Queries", "Worship and the Meeting for Worship", and Elton Trueblood's book "Foundations for Reconstr tion". The committee wants to thank all who have helped to ma these discussions a success.

The committee has established a small First-Day School. A com bined nursery school and First grade has been held in Knight Hall every Sunday with Martha Peery, a Friend, as the teacher; and a class for ten year olds has been held twice a month in Hartranft Hall with Ellen Paullin as the teacher. The meeting is fortunate in having such capable leaders.

The attendance at the discussion groups has been very good in the winter with an average of 15, in the fall and spring the a age is about 6. The First-Day School has a membership of 13. The attendance varies greatly with the weather.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Jeannette H. Purdy, Ch.

The Librarian reported: (see page 146a)

The Program Committee reported:

According to former arrangements the program committee of the meeting has, during the past year, planned for a meeting with a speaker once each month, excluding the summer months.

We feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity of having the following people meet with and speak to us on a variety of inspirational and educational subjects.
Since last January we have heard:

George Trofimoff
Ralston and Editha Thomas
Tom and Dodie Warring (nicknames only)
Alexander C. Purdy
James Coney
Harold Walker
Ernest Gordon
Emil Fuchs.

For the committee, (signed) Mabel G. Bai

EPORT OF THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF Hartford MONTHLY MEETING.

FOR THE YEAR 1948 - 1949.

(The report shall cover such activities as give evidence of spiritual tality of the members, their social concern, special Christian work h which members may be engaged outside the limits of the Meeting, he character of the ministry in the meetings for worship, and signifcant accomplishments which may give incentive to others." - Discipline p.64.)

Meetings for worship have been held Sunday mornings on a basis f silence, and are generally well attended. There are usually some resent who are not members, several of whom come regularly, sharing ith us the uplift and strengthening of our group life. The spirit of r meetings is seldom strained. When the silence is broken it is lmost without exception by messages entirely in keeping with the high urpose of true dedication and spiritual refreshment in which we are met.

Several of our members now live at a distance, and are therefore nable to be active in the work of the Meeting. In cases where these ersons are within reach of other meetings, we have written them, suggesting that they take their memberships to the nearer meetings, so hat they may be of greater service where they are now settled.

We feel that the work of our various committees has helped a great eal in developing our sense of fellowship by planning for supper meetngs, informal lectures, regular discussion groups before meetings for orship, and by distributing literature, all of which make more real to s the responsibilities and opportunities of our Quaker way of life. e have a First-day school taking care of children of two age-groups. he schedule for the older group is so arranged that they may attend eetings for worship on alternate Sundays. One committee plans to do ork entirely outside of our group, and this year has been active in ending relief packages abroad. A women's sewing committee meets frequently to prepare garments for the American Friends Service Committee. t is also a source of fellowship for the members. Reports of these ast two committees, and the speakers for our special supper meetings eep us in sympathy and in at least indirect contact with the distress nd suffering in the world.

We have a bulletin which is sent out about once a month, except n summer. Thru it we are kept informed of plans and projects of the eeting. It also keeps us in touch with individual members, some of hom are unable to attend meetings.

Many of our members belong to such groups as the American Friends ervice Committee, Friends World Committee, Friends Fellowship Council, riends Committee for National Legislation, The Women's International eague for Peace and Freedom, the Christian Associations, Women's Church nion, various interracial groups, and so on. Our member Moses Bailey as been serving in Palestine this fall as representative of the American Friends Service Committee.

Our meetings for business are regularly held the evening of the econd Thursday of each month, except during the summer. We handle a ood deal of business for a group of our size, and regret that it is ot possible for more of our members to attend these meetings and share

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in the responsibility of settling the questions brought before us. We need to face our problems together, that our decisions may be made on the highest possible level which would surely contribute to our growt in spiritual fellowship.

	Budgeted 1948	Spent 1948	Budgeted 1949
MEETING COMMITTEES AND OBLIGATIONS			
Education Committee (Nursery School)	$250.00	$163.00	$200.00
Librarian	20.00	27.44	30.00
Sewing Committee	75.00	60.00	75.00
Program Committee	50.00	76.10	110.00
Hospitality Committee	25.00	13.75	25.00
Travel	10.00	-	10.00
Bulletin & Secretarial	100.00	72.50	100.00
General Operating (Seminary)	100.00	100.00	200.00
Superior Meeting Assessments	150.00	150.00	300.00
Quaker Lane Grounds	200.00	200.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	16.89	20.00
. FRIENDS ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEES			
American Friends Service Committee	150.00	150.00	200.00
Yearly Meeting Budget for Activities	50.00	50.00	50.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25.00	25.00	25.00
Friends Fellowship Council	25.00	25.00	25.00
Friends World Committee	10.00	25.00	25.00
Pendle Hill	10.00	10.00	10.00
State College Friends Meeting Building Fund	-	10.00	-
Seattle Friends Meeting Building Fund	-	10.00	-
New England Yearly Meeting Field Secretary's Auto	-	25.00	-
Scholarship to Institute of International Relations			25.00
I. OTHER CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS			
Hartford Federation of Churches	17.00	17.00	17.00
Connecticut Council of Churches	10.00	20.00	10.00
Women's Church Union	3.00	3.00	3.00
. PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEE (Illustrative projects, funds to be allocated by the Committee)			
Food Parcels to Encourage and Help War Sufferers Abroad			
Expense of Newcomers from Europe			
Race Relations Contributions			
Educational and Other Aid to Conscientious Objectors			
Anti-conscription Contributions			
Other Peace and Service Committee Concerns			
Total Peace and Service Committee	150.00	150.00	200.00
GRAND TOTAL	$1,450.00	$1,399.68	$1,910.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 1948		$1,665.80	

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

REPORT ON THE LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR 1948

During the year the number of titles in the library has increased, d somewhat better use has been made of the collection than has been e case in the past.

The following statistics are from our/not too accurate record:

itles added:

Books, 17 (of which 12 are gifts)
Pamphlets, 86 (of which 33 are gifts, 51 obtained thru subscriptions to Pacifist Research Bureau, Human Affairs, and Pendle Hill, and two of which were bought singly.)
Total titles added-----------------------------------103.

ataloged titles in the collection now total--------------------219
(Of these 76 are books, and 143 pamphlets.)

irculation of titles during the year (as of Jan. 9, 1949)----254

utstanding on above date--------------------------------------118
(Of which 4 are carried over from last year.)

xpenditures:

An itemized bill for the year's expenditures was presented to the Treasurer, which was approved by the Monthly Meeting in November, and paid by the Treasurer Dec. 9. ($24.95)

Leaflets on various phases of our Quaker principles and practices ave been circulated among both members and attenders, and have been uch appreciated. The Education Committee planned the first series of iscussion groups this fall around the subject "Worship and the Meeting or Worship". At that timecopies of the leaflet "The Gathered Meeting", y Thomas R. Kelly, were mailed to members. These were supplied by the ibrary.

It has been felt that far greater use of our little library could nd should be made. Therefore your Librarian appealed to the Nominating ommittee, and was encouraged to ask three interested persons to join n the work. Mary L. Bolles, George F. Walford, and Margaret M. Morrison ave agreed to serve. With this new plan we look forward to a much more ively report from this Committee next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith C. Clapp, Librarian.

The Sewing Committee reported:

Appropriation for materials		$75.00
Spent	" "	60.00

New garments

29 dresses
14 blouses
4 skirts
4 bloomers
7 pajamas
3 panties
1 crib blanket
1 quilt
1 suit
3 overalls

Knitted new

35 sweaters
17 pair socks
4 " mittens
2 " bootees
4 caps

8 large cartons of mended second hand clothing.

The Committee also had contributions of new woolen, and cotton materials from Cambridge and Hartford Friends.

(signed) Elizabeth Shaw

The Peace and Service Committee made the following report: (see page 147 a)

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported: (see page 147b)

The Nominating Committee made the following nominations, which were approved by the Meeting: (see page 147c)

The Bulletin Committee reported 4 issues had been written during 1948.

The Meeting accepted all the reports and expressed warm thanks and appreciation for the work they represent.

Under new business it was agreed to omit the discussion group on Sunday morning January 23rd in view of Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel was requested to follow up the visitors who register in the visitors book.

The Committee to aid and counsel conscientious objectors reported activity including some contacts with Raymond Olds, a non-registrant.

Thomas R. Bodine stated that Col. Morehouse, Head of Connecticut Selective Service would like to meet with the Draft Committee with the purpose of fostering mutual understanding concerning conscientious objectors.

Wendell Clepper, Edith Clapp, Bernice and Robert Smith were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven, January 23rd.

The Meeting wished to express thanks to the retiring Clerk, Alexander C. Purdy, for his untiring service in the direction of the Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship until the next regular meeting in February.

A. C. Purdy, Clerk
R. B. Walker
R. B. Walker, Recording Clerk

February 10, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held February 10, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after two changes.

It was reported that Glenn and Zora Roberts called on the Zane family and welcomed them into the Meeting.

Bernice Smith, Edith C. Clapp, Wendell Clepper and Elizabeth Butterworth reported on the Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven Jan. 23rd.

The Treasurer reported explaining the proposed budget for 1949 which was published in the Bulletin. It was suggested that a $25.00 scholarship for one of our members to attend an International Relations Conference be added to the Education Committees budget. It was also suggested that $100.00 additional be given to the Hartford Theological Seminary to cover more adequately the use of Hartranft Hall for our meetings.

With these two additions the budget was approved by the Meeting and is as follows: (see page 145b)

The Hospitality Committee reported that a supper meeting will be held at the Seminary on February 24th.

The Program Committee reported that Moses Bailey would be the speake at this meeting to tell of his experiences in Palestine.

The Education Committee reported that discussion groups held Sunday at 10 A. M. will be continued through to Easter with the general subject "Gospel and Letters of John".

The Sewing Committee reported that it had met and is continuing to make garments for the A.F.S.C.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that the balance of its 1948 budget would be forwarded to the Cambridge office of the A.F.S.C. It also reported that the A.F.S.C. had secured time for our broadcast to reach the public through recordings, that the possibility of holding meetings for worship with C.O's. in Danbury Federal Prison was being explored, and that the idea of sponsoring a "United Nations Weekend" was still being considered.

The Committee on Aid and Counsel to Conscientious Objectors, a subcommittee of the Peace and Service Committee, reported on its work in connection with Preston L. Smith and Raymond Olds.

The Meeting listened to the report of the Peace and Service Committee with reference to non-registrants under the draft law, the Meeting was united in the following direction to the Committee. The basis of the historic peace testimony of our Society is that of conscience and of the Inner Light. Each man should find for himself where his conscience will lead him. He should be prepared for the consequences of his decision, whatever the decision may be.

The Committee on Investments reported that the Parnell fund will be deposited in a savings account of a local bank.

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H. P. CLEAVER
111 GARFIELD ROAD
WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

January 13, 1949

Mr. Alexander Purdy, Clerk
Hartford Friends Meeting
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Purdy:

The Peace and Service Committee of the Meeting met several times last year and have the following report to make. Questionnaires were sent out to all our members and from them the Committee obtained a considerable number of suggestions on what was felt the Peace and Service Committee should carry out in the way of projects.

While a great many of the local projects could not be carried out due to lack of personnel, the following accomplishments can be reported:

1. Quite a few CARE packages were sent to needy families abroad. Names for these were gotten through individuals who were personally acquainted with the parties to which CARE packages were sent.

2. Correspondence with these individuals was encouraged and we can report that several of our members are now corresponding with individuals in France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

3. A committee was set up to assist the C.O.'s who wish assistance or advice. There was also a committee set up to call on any of our membership who were confined to prison due to the draft.

I believe that the Peace and Service Committee as a whole feel they have not done a very great deal this year and feel the need for more local work. However, it seems as though the best we can hope to do is for our members to work with organizations in and around Hartford which are already well organized and where we can share their concern.

Very truly yours,

HPC/mda

H. P. Cleaver

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PAUL BUTTERWORTH
SUNSET FARM
HARTFORD 7, CONNECTICUT

January 6, 1949

Alexander C. Purdy, Clerk
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
96 Sherman Street
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Alexander Purdy:

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee during the past year has had only informal consultation among its members as, with one exception, its activities have been limited to the landscaping matters previously approved by our Meeting. That work was carried on according to program and an examination in the recent fall disclosed no poison ivy, standing weeds, nor undesirable scrub growths. Costs, within assignment, are included in the Treasurer's report.

A soft maple tree near the center of the grounds lost a large limb during a high wind in November. This tree appears likely not to survive long. The group of arbor vitae near the southwest corner of the area are dying slowly apparently as a result of bark injury caused by a grass fire long ago. Further, the splendid spruce east of the arbor vitae is becoming as old as this species grows in this environment and cannot be counted upon to be the outstanding feature of our landscape for many more years.

All in all the grounds now have a bareness which will increase unless new planting is undertaken. It would seem wise for our Committee to be granted an appropriation of not to exceed $250.00 to be expended at its discretion in the present year for setting out a number of young trees and shrubs as well as to search out and kill any traces of poison ivy which may appear in the spring. A meeting in the grounds in May or June would be welcomed by members of the Committee so that Friends might see the tract in its present state.

The one matter, outside of landscaping which came to our Committee in the past year was the proposal to give the ashes of Friedel Weinberg at least a temporary resting place in our grounds. This was at the request of Nellie Putz, Friedel's sister, seconded by the son, Kurt Weinberg, and was acceded to with Meeting acquiescence, we understand. The urn was buried among the headstones of ancient Friends, the exact spot being indicated by two unmarked stones set deeply, the position of which is shown on maps filed with you, as Clerk of our Meeting, with the West Hartford Cemetery authorities, by direction, and with Day, Berry & Howard, Attornies, who hold Nellie Putz's will with a request that our Meeting, after Nellie's death, allow her ashes to be placed with her sister's, for permanent lodgement in our grounds.

Sincerely,

Paul Butterworth

Paul Butterworth m.
For the Committee

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157 Stonecrest
Bristol,
Quebec

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of the Nominating Committee- Jan. 13, 1949

mittee on istry and nsel:	Alexander C. Purdy, Chm. Edith C. Clapp, Convenor. Moses Bailey Paul Butterworth
rk:	Jeannette H. Purdy
ording Clerk:	Robert B. Walker
asurer:	Thomas R. Bodine
order and respondent:	Alice E. Jorgensen
pitality mittee:	Bernice L. Smith, Chm. Alice E. Jorgensen Virginia Costales Katherine Locke Zora H Roberts Virginia Hicks
rarian:	Edith C. Clapp, Chm. Mary Bolles Margaret N. Morrison George F. Halford
cation mittee:	Ralph M. Williams, Chm. Jeanne M. Clepper William A. Greene Florence Greene Ellen Paullin
gram mittee:	Wendell W. Clepper, Chm. Ellen Paullin George F. Halford W. Glenn Roberts
ing mittee:	Elizabeth D, Shaw, Chm.
ance mittee:	G. Herbert White, Chm. Thomas P. Harvey Thomas R. Bodine
inating mittee:	Mabel G. Bailey Thomas P. Harvey Cassandra C. White

Peace and Service Committee	Bernard C. Wojan, Chm. Mabel G. Bailey Lucia Barber Thomas R. Bodine Paul Butterworth Hannah Y. Cleaver Frank J. Gadman Theodore Paullin Rollin Zane Frances Zane Robert A. Smith
Quaker Lane Grounds: Committee:	Paul Butterworth, Chm. H. Paul Cleaver Thomas P. Harvey
Bulletin Committee:	Lois D. Williams Carol deCou Frances deCou Cassandra C. White
Trustees: 4	Paul Butterworth, Chm. 3Yr H. Paul Cleaver, 2yrs. Thomas P. Harvey 1yr.

Committee on [illegible]

The Clerk is ez-officio member of all Committees.

Cassandra C. White.
Chairman.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee explained the advisability of bringing our future plans for the Quaker Lane Grounds to a focus in order to know what to do relative to the $1000 per year gift which Paul Clever's friends propose to give if we will contribute an equal amount ourselves. The Meeting agreed to have the whole question reviewed in the next Bulletin so Friends will have a chance to clarify their ideas on the future of the grounds.

The Nominating Committee was requested to suggest a person to serve on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee and to suggest another person to audit the Hartford Monthly Meeting finances.

The Meeting then concluded with a few minutes of worship.

Jeannette Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

March 10, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Nominating Committee suggested Robert A. Smith as a member on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee and suggested G. Herbert White to serve as Auditor for Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved these nominations.

The Auditor made the following report:

> I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and compared them with the bank statements and balances and find them correct.
>
> (signed) G. H. White, Auditor

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel spoke of a concern to find a way to let attenders to our meetings for worship know how to become members. One recommendation was to put a printed statement of this nature in our registration book. Another suggestion was to put a statement concerning membership at the end of a pamphlet on worship which would be available to attenders at each meeting.

The Meeting approved of these ideas and requested the Committee to take action on either plan or both as it saw fit.

Secondly, the Committee read a letter concerning the support of the Youth Section of the A.F.S.C. in its program to bring young people from abroad to visit this country during the summer for purposes of friendship and understanding. The Meeting was interested in this project and shares this concern with our young people. The Meeting approved the plan to take this matter up at the next Quarterly Meeting in view of getting it before the whole Yearly Meeting. No appropriation for this program was authorized at this time but the Meeting was prepared to take this matter up again at a later date when our general meeting fund has a greater balance.

Thirdly, the Committee suggested that the Committee on Ministry and

Counsel be made up of a total of six members with a rotating membership so that two members only or 1/3 of the group would be chang each year, the other four members being retained. The Meeting approved this suggestion and requested the Nominating Committee to suggest two additional persons to serve on the committee.

Fourthly, the committee suggested that G. Herbert White be appointe to pick out and read or have read a Query or Epistles at suitable intervals in our meetings for worship. G. Herbert White agreed to serve.

Fifthly, the committee spoke of its concern to follow up attenders who register in our visitors book. Alice E. Jorgensen was appointe to see that visitors register in our visitors book.

The Hospitality Committee suggested that the March 24th supper meeting be held at the Seminary at Hosmer Hall. The Meeting approved this plan.

The Program Committee reported that Elmore Jackson, A. F. S. C. representative and Friends World Committee representative to the United Nations plans to speak on "Recent Efforts of the A.F.S.C. in the Field of Russian American relations."

The Librarian reported gains in bringing records up to date and getting members and attenders to return some of our loaned books and pamphlets.

The Sewing Committee reported that a group meets every other week a that three boxes of clothing are ready to send to the A.F.S.C.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that the C.A.R.E. package program was being continued and that Loring Crossman, member of Fairfield Meeting, was holding meetings for worship with C.O's. in Danbury Federal Prison. It also reported that James A. Conly had sent a letter concerning a far reaching appeal for funds for helpin Europe which would be broadcast March 26th from 10 P.M. to 11 P.M. on a nation wide hookup under the title "One Great Hour". The Meeting was interested in participating in this fund and requested that the Peace and Service Committee have a collection box outside the Chapel March 26th and to have a member make an announcement after meeting concerning the appeal which will be nationwide in all churc

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee urged all Friends to send in thei comments to Paul Butterworth as to the proposed program for developing the Grounds. The importance of formulating our ideas into one plan was stressed so the committee can be directed in its future work.

It was of very general interest that Jeanette H. Purdy, Alexander C Purdy (chairman of the American Section of the Friends World Commit for Consultation) and Thomas R. Bodine (member of the same committe plan to attend Jamaica Yearly Meeting this spring. The Purdy's hav a minute from the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting and a minute will be written for Thomas R. Bodine to take from this Meeting.

The Meeting appointed Wendell W. Clepper and Hannah Y. Cleaver as representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford April 2

In view of the Purdy's expected absence from the April Monthly Meet

Alice E. Jorgensen was appointed acting clerk.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

April 14, 1949

The Meeting opened with several minutes of reverent silence. In the absence of Jeannette Purdy, Alice Jorgensen acted as clerk. Because of Robert Walker's illness Jeanne Clepper was appointed a temporary recording clerk.

Edith Clapp reported for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel that they are working on the amplification of the membership statement to be issued in leaflet form to be made available to attenders and those who might be interested in becoming members of Friends. She spoke of the problem of attenders who had thought they should wait to be invited to join. Glenn Roberts commented that confusion was common among Friends' groups generally as to what is involved in joining. He mentioned a statement drawn up by the 20 Street New York Meeting which included an abbreviated statement of the queries. This has been used by several other meetings.

Bernice Smith spoke for the Hospitality Committee reminding us of the dinner and tea at Quarterly Meeting. She asked if there were any requests for an additional supper meeting this month. It was felt that this should be sufficient.

The program committee had nothing to report beyond the announced talk by Moses Bailey. Moses Bailey suggested that the meeting would like to hear from Thomas Bodine and the Purdys when they return. This was agreed to though it was not decided whether it could be planned earlier than the usual program meeting time.

Ralph Williams reported informally for the Education Committee on their plans for an expanded first day school next year. He pointed out that the nursery school can be used for children through 6 years. It is hoped to have a primary class for children in the first and second grades at school, with some bible study. This would be in addition to Ellen Paullin's class for older children which it is hoped will be continued. He said that many details, remained to be worked out. The Committee hopes to encourage attendance of a larger group of children for the primary class.

He suggested that it would be helpful if the nominating committee would make the chairman of the Program Committee and the Librarian ex-officio members of the Education Committee as their work needs to be coordinated. This was approved by the Meeting.

There was no formal report from the sewing committee but Mabel Bailey spoke of the pleasure of attending the Cambridge Meeting and of the need stressed there for diapers and blankets for the Near East.

Bernard Mojan reported for the Peace and Service Committee. They met with Russell Brooks after he talked to the joint meeting held with F.O.R. on April 9th. They discussed the radio programs of the Service Committee. They also discussed the Larry Gara case and decided to contribute $25.00 to his appeal. This was done on the basis that freedom of speech is involved since this case involves a very far-fetched interpretation of counseling those who decide not to registe Several members of the meeting spoke in support of Larry Gara pointing out that the prosecution was based on association rather than direct counseling, and that many others are guilty if he is.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mabel Bailey who said that Jeanne Clepper and Robert Avery Smith were suggested for the two additional members of the committee on Ministry and Counsel. This was approved by the meeting.

Lois Williams for the Bulletin Committee asked for any additional co tributions to be sent in promptly as the Bulletin should go to "pres on the 15th or 16th.

Paul Butterworth gave an informal report on the work of the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee. He and Tom Bodine met with Joseph Heacock to look over the grounds and make some preliminary plans for a possible meeting house. Joseph Heacock has had considerable experience i building meeting houses and is interested in preserving the simple structure of old meeting houses. He felt that it would be possible to build a suitable meeting house on these grounds. At the request of the Meeting Paul Butterworth gave some information about the history of the old Meeting House and Burial Grounds. He said that Jos. Heacock thought that the graves now on the property need not interfere with the plans for the meeting house, and Paul Butterworth suggested that time would solve the problem of the large memorials and the fence. He also discussed the financial problems involved in building the meeting house. Joseph Heacock thought $50,000 would be needed in the long run to do the job well though it might be managed for a little less by cutting corners. He thought outside help might be enlisted.

He reported that the Committee hoped that Friends might have a meeting on the Grounds in May or June. (There is no sign of poison ivy n He thought that the next step would be to have a topographical study made of the grounds. This was approved by the Meeting. Several Friends expressed appreciation of the work some members of the Commi have done.

There being no new business the Meeting adjourned. The next monthly meeting will be held May 12th.

Alice E. Jorgensen, Acting Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk for the day

May 12, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 12, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

In view of the regular Clerk's absence, Alexander C. Purdy was appoi ted Acting Clerk for the day.

The minutes of the March and April meetings were read and approved after corrections.

The following minute from Jamaica Yearly Meeting concerning Thomas R Bodine's visit was read:

"Thomas Bodine inspired Jamaica Yearly Meeting with the sincereity of his message. His friendly spirit outside of sessions will always be remembered.

(signed) Gladys Jones, Clerk"

"This Meeting wishes to express its great appreciation of the visit of Thomas R. Bodine to the Island of Jamaica at the time of our Yearly Meeting sessions. We ask him to convey our warm greetings to all members of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, with whom we now feel in closer contact. He has also united us with the concerns of Friends on the continent of Europe, and we have been grateful for his presence and contributions to our Yearly Meeting.

By direction and on behalf of the
Jamaica yearly Meeting of Friends,
in session al Seaside, Hector's River,
Jamaica, on the 19th, 20th and 21st
of 4th month, 1949.

(signed) Gladys Jones, Presiding Clerk

Joseph J. Grant, Recording Clerk"

Thomas R. Bodine reported that Alexander C. Purdy's messages set the keynote for the Jamaica Yearly Meeting and that Jeannette H. Purdy's personality was keenly appreciated.

The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held in Hartford April 24th was reported on and appreciation of Moses Bailey's address on "Work of the A.F.S.C. in Isreal" was emphasized.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that upon the receipt of Marian P. Cartland's report of her visit to Vincent and Jean Cochrane that they be approved as members of Hartford Monthly Meeting. Vincent Cochrane is transferring from the Farmington Friends Meeting, New York and Jean Cochrane is being released from her membership in the Presbyterian Church of Geneva, N. Y.

The concern was expressed that we should visit our members and attenders. This need was generally felt and a write up of this will be put in the Bulletin.

The Committee also reported progress in preparing a statement about how to become a member of the Society of Friends.

The Hospitality Committee reported an expense of $15.25 in connection with the Quarterly Meeting on April 24th. The Meeting authorized payment of this amount and expressed appreciation of Bernice and Robert Smith's work.

The Committee also announced plans for a picnic at the Quaker Lane Grounds May 17th.

The Program Committee announced that Alexander C. Purdy and Thomas R. Bodine will speak on their Jamaica trip at this meeting.

The Education Committee reported that plans for an expanded first day school program are going forward.

The Sewing Committee reported continued activity.

The Peace and Service Committee announced committee expenditures o $5.00 for Sunday School material for the children of Jamaica Yearl Meeting and $10.00 for helping publish a book Lowell Naeve and Dav Wieck have written called "A Field of Broken Stones", concerning C. O's. in World War II. The Committee spoke of a desire to help provide light and running water for the Happy Grove School in Jama It is planned to take this concern up at the New England Yearly Mt

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee gave a comprehensive report including a topography map of the grounds and sketches of tentative Meeting House plans. Considerable detailed thought and work has gone into the presenting a definite program for development of the grounds. There was some discussion as to additional uses of the Meeting House whether it should include social service projects, such as nursery school, library, etc.

A letter was read from Ernest Ainesworth, Treas. of the New England Yearly Meeting concerning financial status. The Treasurer of Hartford Meeting reported that our quota or share of Yearly Meeting Budget for activities had already been sent.

The Meeting agreed to have a June Monthly Meeting. The Meeting the concluded after a few moments of worship.

Alexander C. Purdy, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

June 9, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 9, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

In view of Jeannette Purdy's absence, Paul Butterworth was appointe clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

A communication was read from Marian F. Cartland stating she had visited Jeanand Vincent Cochrane and welcomed them into membership.

The Peace and Service Committee reported it had met June 6th with Geo. Bliss, director of the New England Institute of International Relations. He was encouraging participation in the Institute whose theme this year is "Inside Russia Today". The Institute is to be held at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.

The Committee also reported on a plan to sponsor a displaced family from Europe if the meeting was willing. The meeting warmly approved the idea and suggested Paul Butterworth contact Rev. John C. Smith, Executive Secretary of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches and tell him we would assume responsibility for one displaced family stating we would prefer Friends or pacifists if there are any.

Paul Butterworth reported for the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee, stating that assurance of support from almost all members of our meeting and others would guarantee $1000 a year toward the Meeting

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, Hartford, Conn. June 16, 1949

special business meeting was held June 16, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a eting for worship.

view of Jeannette Purdy's absence, Moses Bailey was appointed Clerk for the day.

e minutes of the regular June Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

ul Butterworth and Herbert White told of Thomas Bodine's illness. The Meeting s sorry to hear that he had been so seriously ill and appointed the Recording erk to write a letter sending greetings from the Meeting.

letter from Patricia Perry of the Young Friends section of the New England Yearly eting was read telling of the plan to have young people come together from the rious Monthly Meetings to meet with Ulrich Weiss, a German Young Friend. Due to e fact that our Meeting has practically no members from 15 to 35 years of age, it s decided that Bernice Smith should tell Patricia Perry at Yearly Meeting that our eting is interested in the project but does not have a young group to meet with rich Weiss.

ul Butterworth reported for the Committee on the Quaker Lane Grounds and opened e discussion on the main item of business by outlining the Committee's overall ans for building a Meeting House. The Committee at this time, however, only wished have authorization for having plans and specifications drawn up during the summer ady for consideration in the fall.

e construction of the proposed Meeting House would cost approximately $50,000. ading, making a parking area and the first year's operating expenses are estimated $10,000 more. The present Quaker Lane Grounds Fund has approximately $4,500, me of which could be used to pay the architect's fee.

come for the Meeting House includes $1,000 a year for 10 years from Paul Cleaver's oup and $1,000 a year from the Meeting membership. Other income to help defray erating expenses would come from a Nursery School and perhaps a little from the d Peoples Club and Library Annex, service projects which the Committee proposes to low for week day use of the building.

e largest financial support would be from the Sunset Foundation which Paul Butter- rth has set up. Paul Cleaver made it clear that without Paul Butterworth's eat generosity a Meeting House would be impossible. The Meeting would be owners the property and probably would need to budget $500 a year for operating expenses.

ter the Committee's presentation of overall plans, some expressed the thought that e Meeting is too small in numbers and too weak in spiritual power to carry on such ambitious project. As an example, the difficulty the Nominating Committee has getting members to serve on committees was pointed out. All felt that if the eting House is to be a successful project, that every individual must feel the sponsibility to make it a success. A sacrifice in time and service will be neces- ary.

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

House to equal the amount offered by Paul Cleaver's group.

A tentative plan for the building has been offered by Joseph L. Heacock, a Philadelphia architect specializing in the design of Meeting Houses of traditional style.

The Committee hoped the meeting would approve the appointment of Joseph Heacock to prepare plane and specifications of a Meeting House. The Meeting wished to consider the matter further at an adjourned Meeting to be held Thursday June 16th at 7:45 in theSeminary Faculty Room.

A communication was read from Marjanne W. and Robert B. Walker requesting that their third daughter Susan Ruth, who was born May 27th, be registered as an associate member in Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting granted the request and welcomed the new arrival in the meeting.

After a few moments of worship, the meeting adjourned until June 16th.

Paul Butterworth, Clerk for the day
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

June 16, 1949

(see page 155a)

October 13, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held October 13, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that visiting members of the meeting should be encouraged and hoped many would take it upon themselves to visit one another as way opens.

The Hospitality and Program Committees announced plans for the supper meeting to be held at the Seminary October 27th. Theodore Paullin will report on the Committee for Russian and American Relations.

The Education Committee reported that its main concerns of new books on religious education and the discussion group program were described fully in the October 12th Bulletin. It also reported on the successful beginning of the First Day School program in which 17 children are enrolled and hopes that even more children may feel encouraged to attend. In order to come out even an additional $23.00 was requested for the First Day School budget for 1949. The meeting granted this request and expressed gratitude to the individuals who have made this program a going concern.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on a committee meeting held just prior to the monthly business meeting during which it was decided that the program of activities would be similar to last years. The committee agreed to a reduction of $50.00 in its current budget to allow this amount to go to the Bulletin Committee.

The good work of the Bulletin Committee was obvious in the October 12th issue for which the meeting was very grateful.

The Nominating Committee reported that Cassandra White had resigned from this committee for health reasons and that a new member was needed. Ralph Williams was suggested and approved by the meeting as the new member.

The Clerk announced plans for the Quarterly Meeting to be held in Northampton on October 23rd where Marjorie Williams will speak on her year in Germany for the Service Committee.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee circulated suggested plans for the proposed new meeting house and opened a discussion on the whole matter. After careful consideration the following minute was adopte The Meeting approved the idea of building a meeting house costing approximately $50,000.00 on the Quaker Lane Grounds.

Their details of the meeting house were discussed and this second minute abpted: The Meeting authorizes the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee to hire Joseph L. Heacock to prepare detailed specifications along the lines of the sketches prepared by him.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeanette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

November 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held November 10, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported that $1140.00 had been received this year for a budget of $1910 leaving a balance of $770 to be raised by January 1, 1950. It was also reported that $511.63 had been received toward the meeting house building fund.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read a communication from Farmington Congregational Church releasing Lois Dimon Williams from her membership there so she might join the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

A certificate of removal from Swarthmore Monthly Meeting for Henry Paul Cleaver Jr. was read. The Committee recommended that Lois Dimon Williams and Henry Paul Cleaver Jr. be accepted as members. The Meeting heartily approved these two transfers of membership and appointed Virginia Costales to welcome Lois Dimon Williams. Edith C. Clapp and Virginia Costales agreed to visit Paul Cleaver Jr. during the Christmas vacation to welcome his in the meeting. Letters will be sent notifying these new members of the meetings action.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also read a letter from Paul and Ann Swett stating that they belonged to the Wider Quaker Fellowship and that they were requesting release from membership with the Hartford Meeting. The Meeting regretfully approved the release.

The Hospitality and Program Committees announced supper meeting plans for November 17 in Hosmer Hall. The Pittengers will show movies of India. Margaret Carey is scheduled for the December

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15 supper meeting.

The Education Committee reported decreased attendance at the Sunday School lately and encouraged members to bring their children regularly.

The Sewing Committee reported sending boxes of second hand clothing to the A.F.S.C.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on plans for activities as follows:

1. A plan to circulate pictures and a brief outline about the refugee farm family for whom the meeting has assumed responsibility for housing and employment.

2. Along with Philadelphia Friends the Committee is encouraging everyone to write the President urging him to arrange for amnesty for C.O's. by Christmas.

3. The Committee is considering helping in some educational program for the summer tobacco farm workers.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee, in discussing various aspects of building the new meeting house, asked for a decision by the meeting concerning the future use of the burial ground so that permanent plans for the road, parking area and tree plantings may be made. After discussion the meeting approved the following minute "With the exception of Nellie Putz who wishes to be buried with her sister, Friedel Weinburg, the meeting does not contemplate using the land for burial purposes".

The Committee urged the meeting to seriously consider the financial aspects at this time as building operations are about to begin. It was pointed out that it would be desireable to over subscribe our $1000.00 a year pledge at the beginning of the 10 year period rather than to just meet the minimum requirement.

The Meeting wished to commend Paul Butterworth on his untiring efforts in connection with the meeting house and on his ability to make the plans fit the meetings wishes.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeanette H. Purch, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

December 8, 1949

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held December 8, 1949 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer reported that a total of $1476.00 had been received to date for the annual budget of $1910. The Commitee anticipates an approximately $200.00 deficit and suggested such an amount be taken from the Quaker Lane Grounds maintenance fund. The Committee also reported that $780.00 has been received toward the $1000.00 yearly pledge for building the Meeting House and they are confident that the balance will be received by January 1950.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read a communication from Purchase Executive and Preparative Meeting commending Jean McKay Simons (Mrs. Kermit T. Simons) and her children Patricia, Richard, Pamela and Linda to our Christian care and fellowship. The Commitee recommended they be received as members of our meeting. The Meeting heartily approved and appointed Frank Gademan and Lois Williams to visit Jean Simons to welcome her and her children into the Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel also read a letter from Franklin E. and Ruth L. Satterthwaite requesting that their daughter Sarah Ann, born July 9, 1949 in Pittsfield, Mass. be registered as a member of Hartford Meeting. The Meeting approved of granting the request and welcomed the new arrival as an associate member. The Clerk agreed to write the Satterthwaites telling them of the Meeting's action.

The Committee also reported that Ethel Halford Russell requested she be released from our membership. The Meeting regretfully granted this request and asked the Clerk to notify her of the Meeting's action and to encourage her to find Christian association with some denomination.

The Hospitality Committee announced plans for the supper meeting on the 15th at the Butterworth's where Margaret Carey will speak.

The Education Committee reported that they had presented Bibles to Avery and Alcott Smith and to Patricia and Richard Simons. The Committee also reported that plans for adult discussion group Sunday morning are under way.

The Sewing Committee reported that 169 pounds of mended clothing had been sent to the A.F.S.C. in November and more than 169 pounds in December.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported preparations of the ground for building has been started. Other details were also discussed. In connection with finances it was agreed that funds for the Meeting House on Quaker Lane should be kept separate from the general funds of the Monthly Meeting. To provide for this the Meeting approved of the appointment of Thomas P. Harvey as Treasurer and George H. Shaw as Assistant Treasurer of the Building Fund. The Monthly Meeting Treasurer was authorized to receive monies for the Building Fund and to transmit them to above-named Treasurers.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel suggested Jean Clapper be appointed to help Alice Jorgensen with the Statistical Recorder's report and also as Cooresponding Secretary.

In connection with the January Bulletin the Monthly Meeting suggested the Nominating Committee publish a list of appointees for the various Committees, so the Meeting would be prepared to act on the Nominating Committee report at the January Business Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded after a few monents of worship.

Jeanette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

January 12, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held January 12, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one addition.

Annual reports were given by all committees as follows:

The Treasurer made the following report which is also the report of the Finance Committee: (see page 159a)

TREASURER'S COMMENTS ON TREASURER'S REPORT

For the General Fund we budgeted $1,910 for the year 1949. We received in contributions $1, 728.92. We spent $1, 745.91. Expenses were less than we budgeted because several Committees did not use their full appropriations and because we added to the fund for Quaker Lane maintenance only $150 instead of the $250 we had hoped to add to it. Thus the General Fund ends the year with about the same balance that it began with, namely $334.39.

The contributions to the General Fund this year of $1,728.92 were more than last year's $1665.80. Contributions from members totaled $1,543.92, up from last year's $1,270.20. Contributions from non-members totaled $185, considerably less than last year's $395. In other words members gave $275 more to the General Fund this year than last while non-members gave $235 less. This is a gain, since the more of our income that comes from members, the stronger our financial position.

The average contribution to the General Fund from each family unit in our membership was about $40. The largest single contribution was only $225, and there were a great many contributions between $50 and $100. All but five family units gave something and three of these are absentee. It is significant therefore that the financial support for the General Fund comes from throughout the membership and not from just a few individuals.

Contributions to the Building Fund totaled $2,107.13. Of this, $916.13 came from members, $1,191.00 from non-members. Since the Building is to serve the community of West Hartford as well as the Meeting, this division between members and non-members may not be unreasonable.

The Peace and Service Committee ends the year with a balance of $203.08, which is available to aid our DP family when they arrive.

All in all, the Treasurer feels it has been a good year financially and faces the Meeting's future increased responsibilities with confidence.

The Auditor made the following report:

I have examined and checked the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

(signed)   G. H. White, Auditor

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel made a very comprehensive report. After several suggested changes in wording the committee was requested to study the suggestions and bring in the ammended report in February.

The Recorder made the following statistical report:

	Active	Asso.	Total
1. No. of members last year	57	15	72
3. Additions by birth		2	2
4. Additions by request			
5. " " certificate (F)	4	6	10
6. " " letter (N)	2		2
7. Total additions	6	8	14
Loss by resignation	3		3
15 Total loss	3		3
16 No. of members this year	62	21	83
17 Net gain	5	6	11
19. No. of males	34	8	42
20. No. of females	28	13	41
21. No. under 21 yrs. of age	4	21	25
22. No. of Asso. members		21	21
23. No. of Asso. members transfered to active membership	2		2
24. No. of resident members	52	18	70
25. No. of non-resident members	10	3	13

(signed) Alice E. Jorgensen, Recorder

The Meeting was encouraged by the net gain of 11 members, an increa of 14% during 1949.

The Correspondent reported:

The correspondent has been given very little work this last year. But I wish to report that I have carried out all suggested duties.

(signed) Alice E. Jorgensen,
Correspondent

The Hospitality Committee made the following report:

To the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends:

During the past year, the Hospitality Committee has arranged for five supper meetings at the Hartford Seminary. The December supper meeting was held at the home of Paul and Libby Butterworth at which we had a record attendance of between 55 and 60.

A picnic supper was held on May 19th at the Quaker Lane Grounds. On April 24th Quarterly Meeting was held in Hartford and the Committee arranged for Sunday dinner at the Seminary and also served punch and cookies following the afternoon meeting.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all members of this committee as well as all others who helped with these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Bernice L Smith

The Education Committee made the following report:

The Education Committee has been in charge of two of the Meetings activities this past year, the adult discussion group meeting at ten o'clock First Day mornings, and the First Day School for the children.

During the winter and early spring the discussion group used as a basis for its study a pamphlet by one of its own members, Alexander Purdy, on the Gospel and Epistles of John. This proved very stimulating, and revealed a real desire on the part of our members to know more about the Bible. From Easter through September discussions were not held, but in October they began again with William Wistar Comfort's book, Quakers in the Modern World, as a text. The attendance has been very disappointing during the fall, but the Committee hopes that it will improve with a return to a study of the Bible under the leadership of Glenn Roberts this coming winter.

For a munber of years the Meeting has conducted a Nursery and Kindergarten playroom for children while their parents attended worship. Last year a new experiment was tried in a class for ten- and eleven-year old children, under the guidance of Ellen Paullin, meeting every other First Day. This class proved so successful that in the autumn of 1949 the Committee launched a full-fledged First Day School. The Nursery and Kindergarten children are now read Bible stories; a new class, under the leadership of Jean Simons, has been established for first, second, and third graders; Ellen Paullin's class had continued with its former success. Of the 34 children connected with the members or attenders of the meeting, 21 have enrolled in the First Day School; 17 of these have been quite faithful in their attendance; the average attendance has been 14 each First Day.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Ralph M. Williams, Ch.

The Meeting was particularly grateful for the splendid Sunday School development.

Edith Clapp, presented the report for the committee on Ministry and Counsel and asked if the Meeting could wait until February for the completion of the Library report. The Meeting approved.

The Program Committee reported:

> The program committee arranged for speakers on a month-by-month basis in 1949, and if any one theme emerged, it was that of international affairs.
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> From our own membership, Moses Bailey gave a vivid description, both to the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, of his then recent trip to Palestine where he "spied out the land" for the American Friends Service Committee. Alexander Purdy and Thomas R. Bodine told of their visits to Jamaica Yearly Meeting. And Theodore Paullin reported on the work of the AFSC's Committee on Russian-American Relations, of which he was a member. Robert Pittenger, who is with us this year though holding membership elsewhere, described and showed movies of the two years he and Barbara Pittenger spent in India, under Service Committee auspices.
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> From outside the meeting, we were pleased to have Caleb Foote

of the Central Committee on Conscientious Objectors: Elmore Jacksc who served in the triple capacity of Friends World Committee representative to U.N.; host at Quaker House in New York City, and chairman of the Committee on Russian-American Relations; and Margaret Cary of Germantown, Pa., who brought us a spiritual message, and also was available to several of our working committees. Numerous other suggestions for speakers were received from the Meeting membership, but necessarily could not all be included.

At the end of the year, the Committee became increasingly aware of its own problems in being of maximum service to the Meeting, but was not yet suggiciently clear to share these with the meeting as a whole. ff

The Sewing Committee made the following report:

The Sewing Group had a successful year in 1949. Approximately the same number of new garments were made as during the previous year. So much new material was contributed and sufficient was on hand tha it was not necessary to draw money from the Treasury with the exception of $2.50 which was used to pay a part of the shipping costs The balance of the shipping expenses were paid by those who sent th boxes.

It is estimated that about 500 pounds of second-hand clothing was r novated.

All items were sent to The Friends Service Committee in Philadelphi

(signed) Elizabeth Shaw

In connection with the Sewing Committee report it was reported that Edith Clapp had a very successful sewing group of her friends and neighbors working on clothes for our D.P. family.

The Peace and Service Committee reported:

During the past year, the Peace and Service Committee has participated in a wide range of activities which have included the followi

1. A contribution to the Common Council for Civic Unity------$25.

2. " " " " Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors----$25.

3. Arrangements with local radio stations to broadcast a number of programs prepared by the American Friends Service Committee.

4. Cooperation, through correspondence with the Westport Meeting, in arranging for Meetings for Worship in the Danbury House of Correction for non-registrants confined there; and visitation at Danbury by a member of the Committee.

5. A donation of the unexpended appropriation for 1948, amounting to $46.24, to the AFSC through the Cambidge office.

6. Correspondence with families overseas to whom CARE packages have been sent by members of the Meeting.

7. Sponsorship of a joint open meeting with the Hartford Fellowship of Reconciliation at which Russell Brooks, Chairman of the

Yearly Meeting Peace Committee spoke.

8. A contribution of $25.00 to the Larry Gara Defense Fund.

9. " " " $5.00 " " Hartford Council of Churches for our share in the publicity for the One Great Hour program over the air.

10. Arrangements were discussed for raising bail money for non-registrants when the need might arise.

11. A loan of $10. to the Libertarian Press, a workers' cooperative, to aid in publishing the book A Field of Broken Stones, written by Lowell Naeve and Dave Wieck both of whom are C.O.'s and who have served time in Danbury.

12. Sunday School literature for children at the meeting in Jamaica which was visited by a number of Friends during the past year.

13. It was recommended that when Service Committee Funds permit, it would be a kind gesture of Friendship to help the Happy Grove School in Jamaica obtain electric lights and running water for the Boys Dormitory.

14. Meeting and discussing, with other religious groups, the needs and problems of DP's and refugees overseas.

15. Discussion of the activity of the Working Party of the AFSC concerning American-Russian Relations.

16. Discussion of the problems of migratory labor in Connecticut and elsewhere.

17. A meeting with Leta Cromwell who described her work with the AFSC in Europe during the past year.

18. Arrangements have been made to enable the Seliwanowsky family, a DP family of four, to come to Connecticut to live. A farm home for them has been located in North Canton.

The Service Committee has tried to meet monthly, except during the Summer, either at the Seminary or, in the homes of members. A number of Committee members are serving on the New England Regional AFSC, and also on various Yearly Meeting Committees.

It is hoped that this experience will facilitate cooperation where cooperation is desireable and practicable, in carrying on activities in the fields of peace and social action, race relations, and international relations.

Our Committee has enjoyed its work of Service during the past year, and looks forward, with hope, to a new year full of challenge and achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Bernard Wojan, Chairman

In addition to the annual report the committee reported that at least temporary housing and employment had been found for the Seliwanowski family at Canton Center, Conn. Tatiana, the older daughter is to be at the Angels' home. Rev. Mr. Russell Angel is the Congragational Minister at Canton Center. The rest of the Seliwanowski family are to be at the farm home of the Yeagers.

A Committee composed of Katherine Locke, Alice Fox and Edith Clapp were appointed to visit the Yeagers and Angels and make all final arrangements.

The Quaker Lane Grounds Committee reported:

Building operations on Quaker Lane are suspended now because of ~~Paul~~ Peter Tychsen, the builder, having fear that there would be disproportiona costs in proceeding further before March. Delays in plans in Octobe and November had prevented raising enough of the structure by the fi of the year to allow work under cover to proceed. It now is hoped that our Meeting House will be finished in July.

The offer of the use of our library room to the West Hartford Librar has not yet been accepted pending action by the Town's Board of Fina on the application by the Library for some $7,000 for salary of part time attendants and for equipment.

It is hoped to call together before January 24 those interested in the operation of the proposed weekday nursery school to consider plans and preliminaries to be completed in time for active service next September.

The Older Neighbors Club sponsors will meet later to prepare for organization.

Members of the meeting who can share in the landscaping of the grou may be prepared to help as soon as conditions permit. Others of the Friends will find opportunity to assist in the purchase and installation of furniture and equipment for the First Day School, reading ar sewing room (Library) and the kitchen.

The financing is going forward according to plan. $4,284.96 is ava able in the Savings Account set up earlier and more that $2,000 has been paid our Treasurer for the first (1949) annual installments of the Meeting and Cleaver funds. The Sunset Foundation is prepared t make its intended contributions.

The meeting will be asked to approve a minute authorizing the Founda tion to operate the building under proper limitations if in the futu Friends should fail to do so. Certain papers in this connection ha been prepared for action by us.

Approval is asked of the appointment of Thomas P. Harvey and George H. Shaw to serve as treasurers of the Friends Meeting House Committ

Suggestion is offered that if approval by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel is given, the $500 gift of Frank Wittko for the Meeting House purposes, be held in the Monthly Meeting's Savings Bank accou and the income only used for operating costs, the principal to be h for later decision by the Meeting. (This sum is not included in th amounts mentioned earlier.)

Assessment of $243.10 for sewer was made some 25 years ago and must be paid now in order that connection from our building may be completed. Assessments of $372 for street improvement, $247 for curbi and $125 for sidewalk, total of $744, also have been levied in thep against our property and in the absence of any one then willing to pay have been formally waived by the Town.

For the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee,

(signed) Paul Butterworth

The Meeting was very appreciative of the generous gift given by Frank Wittko for the Meeting House. In view of the fact that the donor is now unemployed the Meeting requested the Committee on Ministry and Counsel to consider holding the principle in reserve in the Monthly Meeting's Savings Account for later decision by the Meeting.

The following additional minute was prepared concerning the financial set up and new name for the Committee:

As ordered by the last Monthly Meeting I suggest the following minute for adoption on January 12, 1950:

> "To supplement a minute on the same subject approved in the Meeting of Dec. 14, 1949 the following minute was approved: The meeting hereby discontinues the committee on Quaker Lane Grounds and the Committee on Investments. To carry on the functions of these two committees, a committee to be know as "Friends Meeting House Committee" is established. The Friends Meeting House Committee is authorized to receive from the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting, and from any other source, all monies designated or appropriated for the Construction and maintenance of the meeting house and grounds on South Quaker Lane in West Hartford. The said Committee may appoint its Treasurers subject to the approval of the Monthly Meeting. The Committee may select depositories and establish bank accounts in its own name and make disbursements for the construction and maintenance of the Quaker Lane building and grounds.
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> The Committee shall record all of its receipts and disbursements and shall report thereon to the Monthly Meeting annually-, or whenever requested by the Monthly Meeting."

(signed) Thos. P. Harvey

The Bulletin Committee reported:

There have been five, rather fat, Bulletins, issued during 1949, and we are grateful to all those faithful people who have contributed to helpfully.

We regret that we have exceeded our budget but I think this can be explained on the grounds that the expenses of all committees using Carol de Cou's service are billed to the Bulletin. We think, and hope, that when this situation has been changed, we shall be able to live within our budget.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Lois Williams

A special minute of appreciation for the work of the Bulletin was requested by the meeting.

The Nominating Committee made the following report which are the suggested appointments for officers and committee members for 1950:

Committee on Ministry and Counsel:	Alexander C. Purdy, Chm. 2 yr. Edith C. Clapp, Convenor 1 yr. Moses Bailey 1 yr. Paul Butterworth 2 yr. Jean Clepper 3 yr. Robert Smith 3 yr. Theodore Banks 3 yr.
Clerk:	Jeannette H. Purdy
Rec. Clerk	Robert B. Walker
Treasurer:	Thomas R. Bodine
Recorder and Correspondent:	Alice E. Jorgensen
Ass't R.&C.	Jean Clepper
Hospitality Committee	Bernice L. Smith, Chm. Alice E. Jorgensen Virginia Costales Katherine Locke Virginia Hicks Mrs. Gerald Greene Hannah Cleaver
Librarian:	Edith C. Clapp, Chm. Virginia Costales Mary Bolles Margaret N. Morrison Katherine E. Locke
Education Committee	Ralph M. Williams, Chm. Jean M. Clepper William A. Greene Florence Greene Ellen Paullin Ellen Marshall
Program Committee:	Wendell W. Clepper, Chm. Ellen Paullin George Halford W. Glenn Roberts
Sewing Committee	Elizabeth D. Shaw, Chm.

Peace and Service Committee:	Bernard Woj Mabel Bailey Lucia Barber Thomas R.Bod Paul Butterw Hannah Cleav Frank Gadema Theodore Pau Rollin Zane Frances Zane Robert Smith
Friends Meeting House Committee	Paul Butterw C H. Paul Clea Thos. P. Har George Shaw
Bulletin Committee	Lois William Carolyn de C Frances de C Cassandra Wh
Committee on investments	Paul Butterw Ch H. Paul Clea Thos. P. Har
Auditor:	G. Herbert White

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The Clerk is ex-officio member of all committees

The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Meeting.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Mabel G. Bailey
Thomas P. Harvey
Ralph M. Williams

Finance Committee: H. Paul Cleaver, Chm.
Thomas R. Bodine
Carolyn de Cou

The Meeting approved this report as well as the foregoing annual reports of all the committees and expressed appreciation for the excellent reports and the years work they represented.

The Meeting appointed the following for the new Nominating Committee

Thomas P. Harvey, Chairman
Ralph M. Williams
Virginia Costales

An announcement was made concerning the religious census to be conducted around February 12 by all churches. The Meeting expressed interest and willingness to cooperate and appointed Glenn Roberts to explain what we should do to do our share.

The Quarterly Meeting to be held at New Haven January 22, was announced. The Clerk and Chairman of Program Committee are our regular representatives.

The Program Committee told of plans for a social evening at Mabel and Moses Bailey's on January 26th.

The suggestion was made that a directory of members with addresses be circulated among the membership. Several approved of this idea and the matter was left up to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel for their consideration.

Thomas R. Bodine requested a minute from the Hartford Monthly Meeting to take with him on his trip to Europe where he expects to visit several Friends groups. The Meeting granted this request enthusiastically.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

February 9, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends met in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship on February 9. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The matter of a contribution from Frank Witko, which was referred to the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee in January, was brought up. The Committee presented the following report, which was approved:

At the January 12, 1950 Monthly Meeting the Quaker Lane Grounds Committee, reported that Frank Witko, an occasional attender of our Meetings, had given $500. for the Meeting House. The Committee felt that this sum was too large to accept freely considering our friend's resources and the fact that he has no steady employment. The subject has been discussed with the Committee on Ministry and Counsel and with its approval it is recommended that our Meeting sanction the placing of the $500. in a savings account in the hands of the Treasurer, from which income may be withdrawn hereafter for operations of the Meeting House and, by direction of the Meeting, principal expended from time to time for Frank Witko if he may be judged to be in need or for uses of the Meeting House if it shall be decided that there is no further occasion for holding this money apart.

Friends Meeting House Committee

Ministry and Counsel recommendedthat the names and addresses of those now receiving the Bulletin be prepared on lists and given to those desiring such lists, and that the Bulletin carry a notice to th effect that such lists may be had for the asking. This recommendation was approved. Ministry and Counsel recommended that a stone be placed over the ashes of Friedel Weinberg in the Cemetery, which recommendation was approved. The state of the Meeting, referred from the the last Monthly Meeting for a correction, was brought up and the corrected part read by Edith Clapp. The report was accepted as read.

The Hospitality Committee announced that the supper meeting for February 25 will be held at 6;30 at the Cleavers and the speaker wi be JohnPollard, author of the new life of Whittier.

The Librarian reported that 32 new titles have been catalogued during the past year, making a total of 278 now cataloged of which 144 have been used during 1949. She reported that some books had been donated in 1950 by Zora and Glenn Roberts, and the Meeting expressed its appreciation of these.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that the apartment at the Yeager's for the D.P. family the Meeting is sponsoring was ready for use. Appreciation was expressed for gifts made to aid this family, and the Committee was authorized to express this appreciation to the donors. Paul Butterworth read a letter just received from the family, explaining the delay in their arrival. The father who is a priest had been busy in the camps over the Christmas season, and since the first of the year farmers have had pr ference. He expects that they will be on their way very soon. Alexander Purdy read a most interesting letter from his son, who represented the Yearly Meeting at the annual sessions of the America Friends Service Committee.

The Clerk presented a communication on "The One Great Hour of Sharin the Church Service broadcasts. This was referred the the Program Committee for study and such action as they thought advisable.

Glenn Roberts reported that four persons expect tp assist with the Census to be taken February 12 by the Greater Hartford Council of Churches. Mabel Bailey stated that the Womens Missionary Union of the Yearly Meeting will be in session in Cambridge February 22 when committees of the Yearly Meeting will meet.

Paul Butterworth reported on the growth of the Meeting's interest in the Quaker Lane Burying Ground into the planning of a Meeting House to care for our growing Meeting. He showed plans and stated that suggestions were in order as regards lighting, seating and other interior features, and thatlandscaping would be studied later at which time the ideas of all members would be appreciated. The Committee presented the fpllowing interesting report:

Our work last spring evolved from care of the grounds to the development of our Meeting House when Paul Cleaver announced that he and others were prepared to give $1000 a year for ten years for this purpose om condition of a similar commitment by the Meeting and with provision of the additional financing by the Sunset Foundation Hartford Friends and others interested were found ready to accept this responsibility and the Foundation agreed to underwrite the balance of the costs up to $50000 with the understanding that weekday Community uses of the building would be made and that failure of the Meeting to continue operations would allow the Foundation to do so.

Time was given to study spiritual and ethical factors in the overall plan and the Meeting decided to proceed. To supplement Meeting and First Day School uses it was found that the West Hartford Library

would appreciate operating a part-time branch library in our building subject to budget restrictions. A group of volunteers was ready to organize a week-day morning nursery school. Others wished to develop an Older Neighbors Club for afternoons. The West Hartford Recreation Department hoped that our Meeting room might be available for suitable Community assemblies.
Joseph Linden Heacock. Philadelphia architect with wide experience in designing Meeting Houses, was asked to prepare plans on the strong recommendation of J. Barnard Walton and others. Preliminary sketches weredistributed to our members in the summer and discussed in detail in the fall. Peter Tychsen, West Hartford builder, was able to estimate costs as within the $50,000 limit and finished plans were delivered by Joseph Heacock in November.

Operations began then with a number of Friends sharing in responsibility for determining the location and grade level of the building. Others joined in the cutting and piling of the trees which had to be removed.

We were too late to allow Peter Tychsen to erect walls and roof to allow work to proceed during the period of severe storm but at this time much of the grading is done, sewer and water lines are in, the foundation is finished and our builder is ready to push construct in March with completion in July predicted.

There will be opportunity for Friends to contribute to our big undertaking in other ways than in money. Landscaping details will come up in March and April. Sewing equipment, First Day School, reading room, kitchen and other detail can be attended by those willing to take responsibility.

We hope that this New Year will find us growing in spiritual strength as we develop muscle in these labors.

For the Committee,
Paul Butterworth

The meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

W. Glenn Roberts, Acting Recording
Clerk

March 9, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was March 9, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted after one addition.

In connection with the "One Great Hour of Sharing", W. Glenn Roberts was appointed to announce at the close of the March 12th Sunday meeting for worship that a collection would be taken for this worthy cause. The funds contributed will be used for a program of material and medical aids to stricken areas, self-help projects such as youth and neighborhood centers, and other expressions of loving concern and brotherhood.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee presented a suggested budget for 1950. After reducingthe amount for Quarterly Meeting from $75 to $50 and setting up Contingency Fund for $25, the Meeting approved the following budget:

GENERAL FUND 1950

Education Committee	$225.
Librarian	50.
Sewing Committee	25.
Prgram Committee	100.
Hospitality Committee	25.
Travel	10.
Bulletin & Secretarial	150.
General Operating (Seminary)	200.
Superior Meeting Assessments	
Yearly Meeting 72 x 2.38	175.
Quarterly Meeting	50.
Meeting House Maintanance	150.
Miscellaneous	30.
American Friends Service Comm.	110.
Yearly Mtg. Budget for Activities	125.
Frs. Comm. on National Legislation	25.
Friends Fellowship Council	25.
Friends World Committee	25.
Pendle Hill	10.
Hartford Council of Churches	20.
Hartford Council of Church Women	3.
Peace and Service Committee	100.
Contingency Fund	25.
Total	$1658.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read Certificates of Removal from Swarthmore Monthly Meeting for William Theodore Paullin, Ellen Payne Paullin and their younger daughter Marcia Irene, a birthright member and also a letter requesting Associate Membership for the older daughter, Karen Colleen. The Committee recommended that the senior Paullins be welcomed as members and their children as Associate Members. The Meeting heartilly approved this recommendation and appointed Bernice and Robert Smith to call on them.

The Committee also reported on the need for one person to unlock the door to Hartranft Hall and see that the room is ready for Sunday Meeting for worship. W. Glenn Roberts volunteered to carry out the function for the next few weeks.

The Hospitality Committee reported thta the next Supper Meeting would be held on March 23rd, probably at the Seminary.

The Librarian requested that 2 or 3 persons be appointed to assist in recommending books and helping in other ways to make the Library serve the Meeting. The Meeting approved this request and arranged for appointments to be announced at the next business meeting.

The Program Committee was concerned that only 18 persons made reservations for the talk on "Whittier" at the February Program meeting. The Meeting believed this was due to tha winter weather and felt that future Supper Meetings would be better attended.

The Sewing Committee reported that eleven persons attendedthe last Committee Meeting which was the largest grpup this year.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that Dr. Nayar. who was formally Gandhi's personal physician, is on a speaking tour and there may be a chance for Hartford people to hear her.

The Meeting House Committee presented plans for benches and discussed various other details with the rest of the Meeting. Building operations are to be continued later this month or April.

In view of Thomas R. Bodine's proposed trip to Europe, Paul Butterworth, who has the authority to sign Monthly Meeting checks was appointed to serve as temporary Treasurer.

The Meeting expressed keen satisfacation in the announcement that W. Glenn Roberts and family plan to continue to stay in Hartford. Several months ago they had plans which would have taken them from this area.

The Meeting then concluded after several moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording
Clerk

April 13, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held April 13th, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read a communication from Gerald S. and Elizabeth S. Greene who wish to transfer their membership from Cambridge Monthly Meeting to Hartford Monthly Meeting and also wish to have associate membership for their children Milchele, Eric and Dennis. The Committee recommended they be welcomed into the Meeting. The Meeting heartilly approved of this and appointed Viginia Costales and Edith C. Clapp to visit them.

The Committee also read a letter from Theodore H. Banks, who has a duo membership, one with us and one with Swarthmore Monthly Meeting. He plans to be near enough to again come to our meetings. Cornelius Kruse and Marian P. Cartland were appointed to visit him.

A third letter was read by the Committee concerning the application for membership of Lawrence L. Barber and associate membership for his children Lucie Claire and Luther Lawrence. Lucia Barber, the mother of the family, is already a member. Lawrence L. Barber was formerly a member of the Arlington Congregational Church. The Committee recommended the applicants be accepted. The Meeting heartilly approved and appointed Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth to visit them.

The Committee also recommended that the application for membership from Barbara R. Ditmars be accepted. The Meeting heartilly approved and discussed ways of visiting her. Edith C. Clapp agreed to write to see if she could come to Hartford some week-end to visit a group of the Meeting members.

The Committee referred to the general concern of strengthening local meetings which will be the subject of discussion both at Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. W. Glenn Roberts will lead the discussion at Quarterly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting Committee on this concern is composed of Alexander C. Purdy, Henry Perry and Russell Brooks.

The Hospitality Committee asked for cooperation from the whole membership in supplying food for the Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford, April 30th.

The Education Committee reported that next week's Sunday morning discussion grpup would be the last of the series. The Meeting expressed keen appreciation for the service rendered by W. Glenn Roberts in leading these discussions since January on the subject of the Old Testament.

One member is needed from each Monthly Meeting for the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee. Ralph M. Williams was appointed from our Meeting.

The Librarian reported that Alexander C. Purdy, W. Glenn Roberts and Theodore Paullin had agreed to serve as advisors in selecting books, pamphlets and other material to make our library more effective. The Librarian also reported on the proposed program of reevaluation of the Library.

The Program Committee reported on plans for the coming Quarterly Meeting in Hartford and also discussed the possibility of having Thomas R, Bodine give a talk on his trip to Europe at a Supper Meeting.

The Sewing Committee reported continued activity with very good attendance.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that the Seliwanowski family are to go to port of embarkation on April 12th and presumeably will sail for this country soon afterwards.

The Committee also suggested having a sign of explanation at the Quaker Lane Grounds so that the public will know to whom the new Meeting House belongs. The Meeting approved this suggestio and referred the matter to the Committee to carry out.

The Bulletin Committee asked the Meeting when the next issue should come out. The Meeting decided it should be sent out at leas one week before the May business meeting in order to carry a copy of the proposed agreement between the Sunset Foundation and the Meeting which is to be considered at that time.

The Meeting House Committee, by means of a very nicely constructed model made by George H. Shaw, demonstrated various possible plans for arranging the benches.

There was some discussion as to the exact status of the Meeting relative to the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School to be held in the new Meeting House. The Meeting does not wish to be considered the sponsor of the venture but hopes there will be a Friendly influence in the proceedings of the Nursery.

There was also some discussion of combining Quarterly Meeting with the dedication of the new Meeting House in the Autumn. It was decided not to combine the two functions.

The meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

May 11, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 11th, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that progress was being made on the writeup of the procedure of becoming a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

The Hospitality Committee reported on the success of having a caterer hired to take care of feeding the attenders to Quarterly Meeting.

The Program Committee reported that Thomas R. Bodine will speak Thursday evening May 25th at 7:45 P.M. about his trip to Europe.

The Committee also announced the following suggested program for the dedication of the Meeting House on Sunday November 12th;

1. meeting for worship in the morning.
2. dinner at noon.
3. visiting and inspection of the Meeting House.
4. 3P.M. address by Alexander C. Purdy.
5. Paul Butterworth to turn over keys for the Meeting House to the Clerk.

In addition the Program Committee proposed to have the three large open meetings after the dedication having Henry Cadbury, Howard Brinton and Clarence Pickett on November 19th, 26th and December 3rd respectively.

The Meeting felt these would be unusually fine programs and approved the plans. The chairmen of all the committees were appointed to help the Program Committee in these undertakings.

The Sewing Committee reported continued activity.

The Peace and Service Committee announced that Russell Brooks had written saying that William M. Scott, Secretary of the Five Years Meeting Peace Committee , would be coming to Hartford June 6th, 7th and 8th. The Meeting directed the Committee with help from the Program Committee to arrange a fate to have William Scott come to Hartford Meeting.

The Committee presented the sign to be put up at the Meeting House during its construction. Thanks goes to Bernard Wojan's father for making the sign and to Alice Jorgensen for doing the painting.

The Meeting House Committee reported that West Hartford fire and safty committees have approved the benches and seating arrangement. The Committee reported that the Quaker Lane Nursery School was well organized and would be operating three days a week for four year olds and two days a week for three year olds.

The Older Peoples Club and Library were not as yet organized.

There was some discussion on an appropiate hedge, front fence and permanent sign.

The Meeting approved the suggestion of putting dates "1799" and "1950" on the white tablet in the west gable of the Meeting House. 1799 was the date of the former meeting house on the same site.

The Committee also announced with pleasure two unsolicited gifts of $100 each. This brought to mind the need for our continued effo to raise our $1000 for 1950. This item will appear in the next Bulletin.

The question of ownership of equipment for the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery came up. Does it belong to the Nursery or the Meeting? The Meeting empowered the Meeting House Committee to work out the relationship between the Meeting and the Nursery School Executive Committee.

The Committee presentedthe proposed formal agreement between the M ing and the Sunset Foundation.

After considerable discussion the Meeting,,well united, decided it rather consider the matter for a final decision at the June Monthl Meeting.

The thought was expressed that the Meeting should be a center of spiritual life and power and that we should accept the gift of the Meeting House in the spirit in which it is given.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H,Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

June 8, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 8th, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

In absence of Jeannette H. Purdy, W. Glenn Roberts was appointed clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Treasurer made the following report; "So far this year we have spent about $10 more than we have received in contributions. We started the year year with a balance of $334.39 and have $324,77 in the bank at the present time. Against a total budget of $1658 we have received in contributions in the first 5 months only $354. However, this pattern of Friends waiting until the year end to contribute is the same as in other years."

The Peace and Service Committee has in the bank at the present time $59.58 of unallocated funds and $67.13 of money allocated for our D.P. family, the Selwanowskis.

At the beginning of the year the Treasurer turned over to the Meeting House Committee $2107.13 representing money collected for the Building Fund in 1949 and $780.75 representing money accumulated over the past five or six years for maintenance expenses. Since the first of 1950 the Treasurer has collected $396.50 for our 1950 share of the Building Fund and has paid out $10.50 for maintenance.

The Meeting's present bank balance, apart from the Meeting House Committee funds, is $847.48."

Thomas R. Bodine, Treasurer

The Peace and Service Committee announced plans to give $15 to help sponsor the summer peace caravan program. The Committee also told of a project to help a "white Russian" D.P. family purchase a used car necessary for business. The Meeting approved of the plan to allow donors for this project to give through the Meeting.

The Program Committee announced plans for a meeting picnic at the Morrison's and Greene's at Sunset Farm to be held June 15th. The Committee also announced that Henry Cadbury and Clarence Pickett plan to come to the new Meeting House to speak on November 19th and 26th respevctively. The New England Section of the American Friends Service Committee has been invited to meet in January 1951 in the new Meeting House.

The Committee also reminded the Meeting of Yearly Meeting to be held at Andover. Mass. , June20th to 25th.

The Education Committee announced that the adult Sunday morning discussion groups would resume in October the chairman on arrangements to be William Greene who is looking for suggestions for a discussion subject. The 1952 Friends World Conference was suggested as a possible theme.

The Committee also reported that next fall the older childrens' Sunday School group will meet every Sunday this year instead of only every other week due to the availability of Jean Simons, Ellen Paullin and Margaret Morrison as teachers.

Alice E. Jorgensen, Correspondent, was appointed to send a letter of congratulations to Daniel Test, new Headmaster of Westtown School, Westtown, Pa, He was one of the first clerks of the Connecticut Valley Association.

The Meeting House Committee presented the proposed agreement with the Sunset Foundation. After full discussion some admendments were suggested and accepted and the Meeting then approved the agreement as fully set out here;

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 14th day of Dec., 1950, by and between HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, a religious corporation duly organized and existing under the State of Connecticut, (hereinafter called the "Friends"), acting herein by Thomas P Harvey, its proper representative as authorized by a minute of its Monthly Meeting held June 8, 1950, and the SUNSET FOUNDATION Incorporated, a charitable corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, (hereinafter called the "Foundation"), acting herein by Paul M. Butterworth, its proper officer as authorized by a vote of its Board of Trustees at a meeting held March 23 1950.

WITNESSETH;

WHEREAS, the Foundation is desirous of having a meeting house built and erected on behalf of the Friends on property held for the use and benefit of the Friends, located on the east side of South Quaker Lane, in the Town of West Hartford, County of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Friends are desirous of repaying the Foundation certain expenses of the Foundation incurred in connection with the building and erection of the meeting house and landscaping of the grounds, and

WHEREAS, the Friends are desirous of having some of their benevolent work perpetuated through the Foundation in the event the Friends become inactive as a group,

NOW THEREFORE

The Friends and the Foundation, in consideration of the mutual promises of each other, and for other considerations herein appearing, do hereby agree as follows;

1. The Foundation hereby agrees to advance from time to time such sums to the Friends as in the judgment of the Friends are necessary for the building and erection of the meeting house and landscaping of the grounds.

2. The Friends hereby agree to assume the active charge of the building and erection of the meeting house and landscaping of the grounds, through its proper committee or committees; It is understood by and between the Friends and the Foundation that the Foundation's participation in the building and erection of the meeting house and landscaping of the grounds is only to advance sums from time to time to the Friends, subject, however, to the provisions of Paragragh 5.

3. The Friends hereby agree to submit to the Foundation from time to time written requests for such funds as may be needed for the building and erection of the meeting house and landscaping of the grounds.

4. The Friends hereby agree to submit to the Foundation from time to time such reports of disbursements in connection with the building and erection of the meeting house as may be requested by the Foundation.

5. There shall be established at the discretion of the Foundation a special committee of three members, one member appointed by the Foundation, one member appointed by the Friends, and a third member, the president of The Hartford Seminary Foundati or its successor or any appointee named by him. If in the judgment of said special committee, the Friends have become inactive as a group, the Friends agree to transfer and convey to the Foundation all right, title and interest which the Friends have or may have in and to the land located on the east side of South Quaker Lane, in the town of West Hartford, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut, together with the building or buildings situated thereon, to be held in trust by the Foundation to carry on all the charitable and benevolent purposes of the Friends as the Foundation in its absolute discretion sees fit. The Foundation hereby agrees that it will immediately reconvey all right, title and interest which it had acquired in trust, pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph if in the judgment of said special committee or its successor the Friends have reconstituted themselves as a group carrying on the same general purposes as before.

6. The Friends intend to reimburse the Foundation for expenses incurred under this agreement at the annual rate of $2000 per year, without interest, for a period of at least ten (10) years from the date of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto caused to be set their hands and seals as of this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and fifty.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

By Thomas P Harvey
Its Representative

Attest:

Jeannette H. Purdy
~~Secretary~~ Clerk

THE SUNSET FOUNDATION INCORPORATED

By Paul M. Butterworth
Its President

Attest:

Atwood Collins II
Secretary

State of Connecticut)
County of Hartford)SS

West Hartford, Connecticut
December 14, 1950

Personally appeared Thomas P. Harvey and Paul M. Butterworth, signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they repectively acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed and the free act and deed of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends and The Sunset Foundation Incorporated.

Before me Atwood Collins, II
Notary Public

The Meeting authorized Thomas P. Harvey to execute the above agreement on behalf of the Meeting.

Since the agreement between the Meeting and the Sunset Foundation calls for a joint committee to determine at some possible future date, whether the Meeting may have become inactive, the Meeting deems it wise at this time to appoint a member to serve on this committee. This appointment is to be renewed at each annual meetin The member appointed shall serve until his successor is appointed. The Meeting appointed Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk, to serve on the joint committee above referredto until the next annual meeting.

The Meeting House Committee also discussed the wording to be used on the Meeting House sign. Paul Butterworth and Alexander Purdy were appointed to work out a suitable sign.

The roadways and walks shown on the Committee's map were approved.

It was decided to have a double listing in the telephone directory "Friends Meeting House" and "Quaker Meeting House".

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

W. Glenn Roberts, Acting Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

September 14, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held September 14, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

In the absence of Jeannette H. Purdy, Moses Bailey was appointed clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that a minute appear on our records to show that the Meeting unites at this time in expressing its good wishes for our good friends, Katherine

Leiper and Richard Faux, who anticipate marriage on September 30th. The Meeting asked Moses Bailey to name friends who can represent us at that time.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on their three major concerns:

1. helping the Selivansky family get settled in their new quarters.
2. a general program for helping C.O.'s.
3. making arrangements for participation in a meeting of the State Interracial Commission.

In connection with the Selivansky family, the Meeting expressed its gratitude to Thomas P. Harvey and his wife for their many kindnesses to our D.P. family this summer.

The Eduaation Committee reported that their plans for the first few weeks this fall are somewhat unsettled due to the fact that the new Meeting House is not finished. However, some temporary arrangements are to be made to start the Sunday School program.

The Program Committee announced that November 12th is to be the official opening date for the Meeting House. The Committee also stated that all four speakers had accepted for the following dates:

November 12th	Alexander C. Purdy
November 19th	Henry J. Cadbury
November 26th	Howard Brinton
December 3rd	Clarence Pickett

The Meeting received a letter from George Bliss asking if a regional meeting of the A.F.S.C. may be held in the new Meeting House on April 22nd, 1951. The Program Committee is to handle this request.

The A.F.S.C. meeting to be held October 7th in Providence, R.I. was announced.

The Meeting House Committee reported that although the construction was going along quite well there have been material shortages which have made the completion date somewhat later than previously anticipated. Indications are, however, that the dedication plans will not have to be changed.

Among other discussions on details was the question of flowers in the Meeting House. Ruth Boone was appointed to be in charge of floral decorations.

The Meeting then concleded after a few moments of worship.

Moses Bailey, Acting Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

Robert B. Walker

October 12, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held October 12th, 1950 in Hartranft Hall following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Treasurer reported that of the $1650 budgeted for the general fund, $640 had been received and that $781 had been received toward the $1000 Meeting House fund.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendations:

1. a strongly worded appeal for funds be sent out with the next Bulletin.
2. that a collection box be installed at the rear of the Meeting House.
3. that a Sunday School collection box be established to encourage the giving habit with the children.
4. that the Program Committee budget be expanded by $85 to care for the out-of-town speakers in November and December.

The Meeting approved of all these recommendations except item 2 deferring the decision on the collection box in the Meeting House until a later date.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that Alice ~~Faux~~ Fox and J. Charles Faux III of New Haven Monthly Meeting have asked to transfer their membership to Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Committee recomended they be welcomed and that two Friends be appointed to visit them. The Meeting heartilly approved and appointed Virginia Costales and Thomas R. Bodine to call on them.

The Committee also presented a very thoroughly prepared statement titled "Membership in the Society of Friends" which is shown below:

"The early Friends regareded their mission as a revival of primitive Christianity. They differed from other Christian churches in their radical emphasis on individual and group experience of the Truth as it was supremely lived out by Jesus of Nazareth. The Bible, Creeds, Sacraments, and Ceremonies were all conceived as outward and formal unless inwardly appropiated and experienced They held that there was "Seed of God" in every man and that the Light of Christ shines, however, dimly, in every human heart. They formed a Society of Friends to nurture this Seed and encoura the Light, believing that in a worshipping and living fellowship the way of Truth would be revealed and realized among men. These emphases have characterized Quakerism for the three centuries of its history.

More specifically, our Society is known among Christians for its way of worship and of conducting the business of the church and for certain corporate testimonies. Group worship, as Friends practise it, is conceived as a search for and an obedience to the Inward Light of Christ. The use of silence, not only of human voi but also human pride, fear and prejudice, seems to us the appropriate recognition of the Divine Presence. Without the guidance of humanleadership we seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and vocal ministry and prayer springs from this source. The meeting for worship depends for its vitality upon each worshipper accepting responsibility for obeying the Divine Leading. Worship of God means that the evil in us is weakened and the good raised up.

Similarly, the business of our Society is conducted by a search for Divine Guidance in all human affairs. Decisions are reached, not by vote but by free expression on the part of all the members in the belief that as each is obedient to the Truth substantial unity may be achieved. A Clerk who records the "sense of the meeting" takes the place of a presiding officer.

Friends have united in certain Testimonies to the world. Howard Brinton has well summarized these as Community, Pacifism, Equality and Simplicity. We are keenly conscious of failure to witness consistently to these Testimonies but we hold them to be valid and we seek to discipline ourselves in order to exemplify them individually and as a Society. The testimony to pacifism is perhaps best known in this modern warring world. We hold that all war is contrary to the teaching and spirit of Christ and that there is a way of life that takes away the occasion for all war. We are committed to the discovery and implementation of the way of peacein every area of human relationship.

We welcome into membership all who find themselves in accord with the historic principles and testimonies of our Society. Conscious of our essential unity with historic Christinity we have never been a proselytizing body, but we hope to render service to those who find their spiritual home with us. The normal procedure for those who desire to become members is as follows. First the applicant should become familiar with the literature of Friends and with the local meeting (The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends) through frequent attendance at meetings for worship and for business as well as the educational and social activities of the group. Second, when the applicant is convinced that he is in substantial unity with Friends, he should address a letter to the Clerk requesting membership. Third, this application is considered by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel which appoints a committee to interview the applicant. Fourth, when the results of this interview are satisfactory, the name is recommended to the Monthly Meeting for membership. Children are accepted as Associate Members on the request of their parents, when at least one of them is a member. On occasion, persons who desire affiliated membership without giving up their membership in some other church, are received when circumstances seem to warrant. Members of other Friends Meetings are received by letterand members of other churches are so received when it appears that they are in unity with us.

We are concerned to be a living part os the Church Universal by being true to the Light as God gives wisdom and power."

The Meeting expressed appreciation for the statment and approved it without change. Edith C. Clapp and Lois Williams were appointed to have "Membership in the Society of Friends" published in pamphlet form for use by the Meeting.

The Program Committee reported that the dedication program for the new Meeting House on November 12th would briefly be as follows:

11:00 A.M. Meeting for Worship
12:30 P.M. Lunch
2:30 P.M. Opening Meeting including address by Alexander C. Purdy

The Hospitality Committee announced plans for collecting utensils for the Meeting House kitchen and asked members to contribite their extra utensils.

The Committee chairman suggested combining the November business meeting and a supper meeting on November 2nd in the new Meeting House to accustom members to the new building before the dedicati meeting. The Meeting approved this plan.

The Education Committee reported on various concerns with respect to the Selivanosky family such as helping them pay their rent and getting father Selivanosky a job. Mrs. Levay who lives with them also wants work, preferably as a seamstress. The Committee also reported that Russell Johnson, Peace Secretary of the Regional Section of the A.F.S.C., plans to meet with our group, Thursday the 19th at 8 P.M.

The Meeting House Committee made the following report:

The Building Committee wishes to report that the construction of our Meeting House has been completed except for minor details which are being finished rapidly. Some matters of furnishing may not be disposed of at once but both the Meeting and the First Day School can be accomated with all essentials by the end of this month.

The Quaker Lane Nursery School began operations in our Activities Room on September 27 and has prospect of being a worthwhile service to the Community. The interest and capacity of its workers are outstanding. The School is serving 51 children in two classes meeting alternately five days a week. It is prepared to meet its proportion of overall operating costs when they may be determined. The Building Committee has paid for all equipment bought for the Nursery School, partly in expectation of joint use by the First Day School. The Meeting's relationship with the Nursery School apparently will be close and our Committee recommends that thought be given to the development of working understandings. This need i instanced by our tentative appointment of a janitor willing to serve on a flexible schedule for modest pay, but he may have difficulty in having two masters.

The Branch of the West Hartford Library, for which we offered our reading and sewing room for two periods weekly, has been postponed at least until next Spring because of cost considerations on the Town's part.

The Older Neighbors Club's promoters who have hoped for one or more afternoon periods in the Activities Room have not yet organized.

Other groups have filed requests for regular use of that space and more have made inquiries. These include the West Hartford Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., Brownie Girl Scouts, the Hartford Couty Camera Club (of which George Shaw is Secretary), a dancing class for small children (a number of those in the Nursery School), the Hartford School of Music and the Hartford Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, of which Bernice Smith is President. It is evident that study will be required to determine who should come and on what cost participation basis.

Your Building Committee feels that it should be discharged with the completion of the construction and landscaping and that an Operating Committee, including women, should be appointed.

As preliminary to our dismissal we wish to express gratitude to Joseph Heacock for the building plans and to Peter Tychsen for his generous interest in executing them. We have high praise for Carl Nylin and Ed Holly for their faithful and competent work. We have been fortunate in having the help of Mary Edwards in the landscaping and of the Rev. A.R.Meier in the grading, of several firms and individuals who have assisted in other ways.

Now we ask that our members and others who have supported the Meeting in this undertaking join in completing the 1950 installment of its costs. Mention should be made of several gifts "in kind", one of these being a complete set of household brushes received anonymously.

Friends will be interested to know that George Shaw expects soon to take a picture of the Meeting House which will be available in postcard size for those who may wish copies. Ross Parke, West Hartford artist, also is preparing a drawing, duplicates of which may be obtained.

One last item to report is that of the acquistion of the two dwelling properties on Maplewood Avenue, east of our grounds, by the Lawrence Barbers and the Gerald Greenes. A friendly arrangement for a right of way will allow parking on the second street and easy access to our building. Provision has been made for the properties to be available to other Friends if the present owners must move away in the near future."

For the Building Committee
Paul Butterworth

The Nominating Committee suggested the following persons to serve as a Management Committee to have the oversight of the property, including fixing fees to cover utilities, janitor service, insurance, general overhead and wear and tear:

W. Glenn Roberts, Chairman
Mabel Bailey
Katherine E. Locke
Bernice L. Smith
Paul Butterworth
Thomas P. Harvey
Thomas R. Bodine, Treas.
Clerk, ex-officio

The Meeting approved these appointments.

The Meeting agreed to hold the first meeting for worship in the new Meeting House on Sunday, October 29th.

Jean Clepper, assistant correspondent was asked to write letters of appreciation to Peter Tychsen, contractor and Carl Nylin, foreman on the construction of the Meeting House. She was also asked to write to Ralph Gidland and Russell Angel thanking them for helping with the Selivanosky family. Jean Clepper was also asked to write a letter of appreciation to the Seminary for the use of Hartranft Hall over the years. A check is to be included in the letter.

Quarterly Meeting was announced and is to be held Sunday, October 29th at the home of the late Mary Chapney in Greenfield, Mass. Wendell W. Clepper, Bernice L. Smith and Robert Smith were appointed representatives.

The Meeting discussed the possibility of having an auction to help raise funds for the Meeting House. The Meeting approved this idea in principle but left the details to be worked out later.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship. The next business meeting is to be held November 2nd in the new Meeting House.

Jeannettee H. Purdy, Clerk
Robert B. Walker
Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

November 2, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the meeting house on South Quaker Lane following a supper in the Activities Room and following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The matter of having a collection box put in the hallway of the meeting house was discussed and finally approved. Envelopes are to be kept by the box so donors may write down what phase of Friendly activities the contribution is intended.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel stated that "Membership in the Society of Friends" was already at the printers and should be ready for circulation at the time of the dedication on November 12th.

The Assistant Correspondent read a letter received from President Stafford of the Hartford Theological Seminary acknowledging receipt of our letter of thanks to the Seminary for its hospitality to the Meeting over the years.

The Treasurer reported that as a result of the last Bulletin, $420. had been received for the general fund of $1650., bringing the total received for the year to $1050. $246. also came in for the Meeting House fund bringing the total to $987.

The Treasurer also stated that a request had been received from the Sewing Committee to increase its budget from $25. to $60. to take care of some material purchased recently. Especially in view of the fact that the Committee members had footed the bill themselves and only wanted this amount credited to the general fund as a contribution, the Meeting approved.

The Treasurer announced that a "plastic party" held recently brought in over $46. for the Meeting.

In connection with Yearly Meeting finances, Paul Butterworth, member of the Central Advisory Committee of the Yearly Meeting, stated that as a guide for giving an average of $4.05 per person was needed annually. The Hartford Monthly Meeting forwards its budgeted contribution to the Yearly Meeting as a lump sum from the whole membership.

Paul Butterworth also reported that the office of Quarterly Meeting Treasurer had been eliminated at the last Quarterly Meeting as there was not enough work involved to warrant this position.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that Elizabeth Butterworth be accepted as a full member, acting upon her request that her status be changed from that of affiliated member. The Meeting heartilly approved and suggested that any of the membership call on Elizabeth Butterworth and welcome her as a full member.

The Committee read a letter from a member of the Springfield group of Friends and attenders inviting us to joinwith them in their meetings for worship held at 9:15 A.M. on Sundays. The Meeting hoped that some of our members would take advantage of this invitation especially since some of their group mett with us last summer.

The Education Committee reported that there was very good attendance at the last adult discussion group with perhaps 25 to 30 present.

With regard to the children, the Committee suggested they be allowed to sit with their parents for the first 15 minutes of the worship period before going to their Sunday School classes. The Meeting approved this plan feeling that it was a good idea to "season" our children in the ways of our type of worship.

Ralph Williams read the suggested writeup for a short communication called "An Invitition" to be circulated among friends to ask them to come to the Meeting House dedication and the three successive special meetings in November and December. With two slight changes, the Meeting approved the wording and hoped that the invitition may be printed within the next few days.

In connection with the opening of the Meeting House, and the three out-of-town speakers the question of having a permanent record of their talks was discussed. A committee consisting of Lawrence Barber, Carol de Sou and Paul Cleaver was appointed to arrange for a tape recorder or stenographers to record the speeches.

The Hospitality Committee reported that members would be notified of the detailed plans for the dinner to be held at 12:30 P.M. Sunday, November 12th.

The Librarian made the Following report:

"Our work in classifying and recataloging the library has progressed very little since last June, so we shall not be able to have as complete a collection on the new shelves as we had hoped. Of the titles in current circulation many have been kept out too long for most efficient service to other borrowers. When we get settled in our permanent quarters we expect to start the new system of charging books out. Each book may be borrowed for a definite period with the understanding that it may be renewed upon request if itis still in active use, unless needed for another borrower. This will make it much easier to recall books kept out overtime.

"In the difficult business of classifying the material in the library. we have been advised and encouraged by Miss Brown, cataloger of the Hartford Public Library. She has lent us cataloging guides, copies of Dewey Decimal Classification system, and now has given us freedom to use the Library of Congress catalog record. So our technical problems in this field should be solved easilly hereafter.

"We appreciate the work done by the Committee on Selection of Titles for the library. This covers titles of books which have been given to us, as well as suggestions from lists of publishers and others. We will report further on this at a later meeting."

Respectfully submitted,

Edith C. Clapp

The Peace and Service Committee reported thatit had met last mont with Russell Johnson, Peace Secretary of the Regional Section of the A.F.S.C. and discussed the possibility of forming a New Engla Central Committee for C.O.'s to be extended from the present Massachusetts Central Committee for C.O.'s. The Meeting approved the report feeling that a general program for helping C.O.'s was certainly of interest to us.

The Committee announced that its next meeting would be at the Barbers' home on Nov. 16th.

The Meeting House Committee reported that the Meeting House needs a table. It also was reported that Ruth Boone invites someone fro the membership to join her in planting tulip bulbs around the Meeting House.

The Management Committee made the following report:

"The Committee was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Glenn Roberts, Chairman
Katherine Locke
Bernice Smith
Mabel Bailey
Thomas Harvey
Paul Butterworth, Sec'y
Thomas Bodine

Absent; Jeannette Purdy (at Five Years Meeting)

Consideration was given to the requests of a number of organizations for the use of our building and it was decided that for the present only local groups should be welcomed which have the following interests:

(1) Religious: Friends
Ecumenical
Sectarian, if without militant or controversial associations

(2) Educational

(3) Civic and Sociological, when not connected with partisan politics (Veterans and fraternal organizations would not be encouraged for the present)

(4) Neighborhood groups, when purposes are within the general range now set forth.

(5) Hobby groups, with the same provision

Proportional sharing of costs would be the rule, estimated at first and established more definitely as we have more experience.

It was decided to offer the use of the Activities Room to :

(1) The Dancing Class for young children recommended by Lois Williams.

(2) The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom of which Bernice Smith is local president.

(3) The West Hartford Y.M.C.A.

(4) The West Hartford Y.W.C.A.

(5) Mrs, Hastings Brownie Scout group

(6) Mrs. Skinner's Brownie group

Classes for local students of the Hartford School of Music were considered and action postponed.

The Older Neighbors Club which had been proposed when the building was proposed has not yet organized and may be accepted when it becomes active.

Use of the Building at night will not be encouraged until January when janitor service and other facilities are better organized.

Request for more closet space by the Nursery School, now operating successfully, was read and agreed to, subject to adjustments with the First Day School when the latter's material is brought to the Building.

It was decided that payments toward cost participation should be made to the Meeting Treasurer who would pay all operating expenses.

Glenn Roberts, as present Chairman, was asked to assign members of the Meeting House Committee to two sub-committees as follows:

(1) The "use" Committee, having jurisdiction in matters relating to the building's use. Later he appointed the following;

Katherine Locke
Mabel Bailey
Bernice Smith

(2) The Maintenance Committee, to attend to details connected with operating and maintaining the Building and Grounds. Glenn Roberts has asked the following to form this Committee;

Paul Butterworth
Jeannette Purdy
Thomas Harvey
Thomas Bodine

The Chairman would be ex-officio member of both Committees.

The Maintenance Committee was asked to provide locks for doors as may be thought desireable.

It was decided to postpone installation of the proposed amplifying system to carry a speaker's voice from the Meeting Room to the lower floor.

It wasapproved to erect the Meeting's sign on posts in front of the Spruce tree beside the entrance driveway.

It was agreed that announcements of the coming four "Opening" meetings should be sent to our architect, builder and his helpers, to Ministers of the Greater Hartford area, to the Hartford Seminary Faculty, and to the staffs of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, and the Connecticut Council of Churches, to the Public Officials and to Clerks of the New England Yearly Meetings, well as to our own members, attenders and friends who have contributed to our building.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Paul Butterworth, Secretary

The Meeting approved the general policy plan laid out for allowing certain organizations to use the Meeting House.

The Meeting suggested the Bulletin be issued once a month about ten days after Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting agreed to hold a supper in conjunction with the next business meeting on December 14th at 6 P.M.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

December 14, 1950

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held December 14th, 1950 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

Wendell Clepper was appointed to make a summary of the talks made by Henry J, Cadbury, Howard Brinton and Stephen Carey.

The Management Committee was asked to recommend a place to keep letters, original reports and meeting documents.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that a committee be appointed by the Clerk to consider the possibility of holding a memorial service for Dr. Paul Swett. The Meeting approved and the following persons were appointed by the Clerk;

Paul Butterworth
Alexander C. Purdy
Edith C. Clapp

The Program Committee announced plans for a get-together and carol sing to be held Sunday evening at 7:30 December 17th in the Meeting House. After the sing Alexander Purdy will give a talk on the Five Years Meeting in Indiana which he attended as a delegate.

The Committee also reported that we expect to have Russell Brooks, Associate Field Secretary to the Yearly Meeting, with us soon.

A concern was expressed that , in these times especially, we should do everything possible, by forming study groups for example, to dedicate ourselves to our historic peace testimony. As an immediate step toward slowing the trend toward war, the Meeting was encouraged to send telegrams to President Truman urging him not to declare a "state of emergency" but rather to give the United Nations more time toresolve the differences between East and West.

The Hospitality Committee reported that during the dinner held on the Opening Day, November 12th, that all current expenses had been met, $4.89 back expense cared for and that $29.42 had been turned over to the Treasurer.

The Committee also announced that there would be a Supper meeting January 25th.

The Education Committee announced that the adult discussion meetings would be resumed on January 7th. The new subject is to be found in the study booklet, "The Vocation of Friends in the Modern World", prepared by the Friends World Committee.

The Librarian reported that since the library is small, and since we hope that the demand for books may grow rapidly, we are starting a system of limiting the length of time a title may be taken out. Friends' papers and other periodicals are to be dated for return in one week. Books may be kept out two weeks. If,when the time on a title has expired, a borrower reports, that he is still using it, he may have it renewed for another period unless there has been a request for it. So far we are not planning to limit the number of books a person may take at one time. We hope that this scheme of calling the books back at regular intervals may keep them in active circulation so that there need be no such restriction.

The Sewing Committee reported that it will meet every Tuesday from ten to three o'clock.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on the following items;

(1) that the Committee had sponsored the reading of the Five Years Meeting peace statementat the end of meeting on December 10th.

(2) Members of our group should take a special interst this year in the Carol Sing and Christmas party to be held December 22nd when Santa Claus will visit the West Hartford "green" to receive presents from the school children. These gifts will be put into the hands of the A.F.S.C. for distribution to the troubled areas of Japan. Gifts are picture books, toys, school supplies, and childrens' clothing. Some of our members already have offered to help with packaging of the presents for shipment to Philadelphia. Anyone else interested, please get in touch with Paul Butterworth.

(3) Mabel Bailey gave a very interesting report on an A.F.S.C. meeting held in Philadelphia on December 11th.

The Meeting House Committee reported that it is approaching the completion of its assignment. Some planting of trees and shrubs remains to be done in the spring and it hopes later to submit a long range plan for the treatment and care of the small burial plot.

Bulletin boards are about to go up in the Library and front hall. A bench and table are to be added in the hall and a carpet there on the stairs soon will allow quieter access to meetings. Doors are to be placed at the head of the stairs and for the coat closet. A table is needed for the sewing "office".

A storm enclosure at the north entrance has been ordered and will promote comfort and economy. Some reduction of noise from the Activities Room is expected to follow minor changes there.

The Management Committee has established a minimum rate of $2.00 per hour for the use of the Activities Room by philanthropic and religious groups.

Some members of the Meeting have wished to show Peter Tychsen, our worthy builder, evidence of our thankfulness for his interest and zeal in our behalf. This good man took satisfaction in putting into our building better materials than those originally planned because it was to be a place of worship. His own church, near us at 389 Park Road, is still only a basement. It is proposed to send whatever Friends may give as a contribution to the building fund there. Checks should be sent payable to Thomas R. Bodine, Treasurer, marked "Alliance Church Fund".

The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations;

(1) that the work of the Recorder and Corresponding Clerk be divided between two people.
(2) that the new Committee on Ushers be established.
(3) that the Committee on Peace and Service be reduced to three members.
(4) that the Committee on Education be divided into two Committees, one on Sunday School and one on Adult Education.

The Meeting approved items 2,3 and 4, but referred the first one back to the Nominating Committee for further consideration. The Meeting wished to try the two Education Committees plan for one year and then review the question at that time.

Virginia Costales agreed to put out the December Bulletin.

After a few minutes of worship the meeting adjourned till January 11th.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker

January 11, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held January 11th, 1951 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Treasurer reported that all the Meetin's Funds went "over the top" as the books were closed for 1950. Nearly every family in the Meeting contributed to the General Fund, with no one family contributing more than a $100. Our 1950 share in the Building Fund was oversubscribed, and all obligations undertaken by the Peace and Service Committee were met.

The Sewing Machine for the Meeting House was paid for in full with no one contribution over $25. The Meeting's contribution to the New England Yearly Meeting for 1950 was a little larger than was expected from us on a strictly per capita basis.

All in all, 1950 turned out to be a good year financially. Details will be published in March when the 1951 Budget is circulated.

The Finance Committee stated that it was very gratified with the response of the membership in support of the Meeting during 1950.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel gave the following report:

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel has met regularly each month before the Monthly Meeting session and has held one evening session to consider our membership and plan for pastoral care through visitation, and correspondence. We have attended to requests for membership and concerns arising within or outside the Committee and have communicated such matters as required Monthly Meeting action to that body. The proposed pamphlet on Membership was prepared under the direction of our Committee and was approved and printed in time for distribution with th opening of the new Meeting House.

A lively concern for the spiritual life of the Meeting has characterized the Committee and with the growth in attendance and membership, its responsibilities will steadily increase. The Commitee will consider how best to meet these responsibilities in the coming year.

For the Committee

Alexander C. Purdy

The Committee also presented the proposed "state of the Meeting" report for the Quarterly Meeting. (See page 192 A)

Under new business the Committee recommended Margaret Marshall be accepted as a member and her children, Meredith, Jonathan and Faith be accepted as associate members of our Meeting. Although the Meeting discourages absentee membership, the Committee deemed it wise to accept the Marshalls who live in Michigan as th meeting they attend in East Lansing is under the jurisdiction of the Fellowship Council only and is not a formally organized meeting. It was thought that the Marshalls might be instrumental in establishing a formal meeting. The Meeting heartilly approved and appointed Edith C. Clapp to write a letter of welcome.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommended that the Nominating Committee be composed of three members, each member to serve three years on a staggered basis, so that one new member is added each year. The chairman is to be the one serving his last year. The Meeting approved this plan.

The Recorder made the following annual statistical report:

	Active	Associate	Total
1. Number of members 1949	62	21	83
4 additions by request	1		1
3 " " birth		1	1
5 " " certificate	7	7	14
6 " " letter (a.d.)	1		1
7total additions	9	8	17
11 loss by removal of name	1		1
12 total loss	1		1
16 number of members this year	70	29	99
17 net gain	8	8	16
19 number of males	38	11	49
20 " " females	32	18	50
21 " under 21 years of age	3	29	32
22 " of associate members		29	29
23 " " " " transfered to active membership	0	0	0
24 number of resident members	60	25	85
25 " " non-resident "	10	4	14

December 31, 1950
Alice E jorgensen, Record

REPORT OF THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF Hartford MONTHLY MEETING

FOR THE YEAR 1950-1951.

("The report shall cover such activities as give evidence of spiritual vitality of the members, their social concern, special Christian work in which members may be engaged outside the limits of the Meeting, the character of the ministry in the meetings for worship, and significant accomplishments which may give incentive to others." - Newly adopted Discipline (mimeographed form, p.76)

The most significant fact about our Meeting during the year 1950 was the opening of our new Meeting House on 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. It is a beautiful, appropriate and useful building set in attractive grounds. We believe that this Meeting House in its simplicity and dignity will be a permanent challenge to us to be worthy of our mission as Friends and to be of increasing service to others. The first meeting for worship was held in the new House on October 29th. and the formal opening on November 12th. Addresses on Friends' history, faith and practice followed on the succeeding three Sunday afternoons. The Meeting House was filled on all four Sundays.

The new Meeting House brings with it new responsibilities heavier than we have yet known in the brief decade of our organized life. The growth in membership, now totaling 99; in attendance 40 or more at the meeting for worship; in the First Day School 35-40, together with the use of our Meeting House by affiliated and other organizations - chiefly the Cooperative Nursery School with its five-day program - will require a dedicated and working membership as well as patience as we find our places in this larger task. We believe that we have the resources to accomplish the enlarged program and we pray that the spiritual significance of the whole may permeate each practical undertaking.

The committees have, in most cases, carried out their assignments. Some committees have labored beyond the espected call of duty because of the many problems occasioned by the new Meeting House. We will need new members to share these responsibilities and the prospect is good since many inquirers attend our meetings. We are glad to have prepared a statement of membership in the Society to place in their hands.

The meeting for worship has continued to be the central concern of our fellowship. The ministry has been helpful and suited to the needs of the Meeting and a worshipful spirit has characterized our gatherings. The business meetings have usually been well attended and the business has been carried out in a Friendly spirit.

We have been mindful of our wider opportunities as Friends. The weekly sewing group has been active throughout the year. The Meeting has had the care of a displaced family, father, mother and two daughters and has assisted financially in the care of another family. Many of our members have been active in community and religious organizations outside our immediate Meeting organization. We are concerned to give our peace testimony effectively in a warring world and to witness to the way of life that takes away the occasion for war.

The Correspondent made the following report;

The Correspondents report that all requested letters were written promptly during the year 1950.

Jean Clepper, Assistant Correspondent
Alice E. Jorgensen, Correspondent

The Hospitality Committee reported:

This year the Hospitality Committee has functioned at the following activities;

Jan. 26	Social evening at the home of the Baileys
Mar. 23	Supper meeting at the Seminary
Apr. 30	Quarterly Meeting at the Seminary. The food for the dinner was prepared by Mrs. Lurk and served by the Committee to about 80.
Jun. 15	Picnic meeting at the homes of the Laurence Morrisons and William Greenes.
Nov. 2	First supper at the new Meeting House.
Nov. 12	Dinner at the Meeting House for 70.
Dec. 14	Supper meeting at the Meeting House.
Dec. 17	Get together and carol sing arranged by Virginia Costales.

At the November 12th dinner meeting we were able to turn over $29.42 to the Treasurer. This was after paying all expenses for the food and help, paying back expenses of $4.89 and $7.30 for kitchen equipment. We charged $1 for the dinner and had two contributions in addition to this.

I wish to thank all the membersof the Committee who are always very faithful as well as the many members of the Meeting whom we call on so frequently.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernice L. Smith

The Program Committee reported;

The Program Committee's work had two separate and distinct phases during 1950. In the Winter and Spring, we attempted to provide a diversified representation of Quaker life and thought. Thus, in January, we had an evening of Friendly sociability presided over by Ellen Paullin; in March, Katherine E. Cook of Brooklyn brought us a splendid message on "Building a Library"; in April we joined with Quarterly Meeting in a discussion of the monthly meetings, led by Glenn Roberts; in May, Thomas R. Bodine showed color slides of his trip to England and the Continent; and in June, Merton Scott of the Five Years' Meeting joined us in a picnic meeting. The February meeting was to have been devoted to a consideration of John Greenleaf Whittier, who spent some time here in West Hartford, but this meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.

The Committee had the benefit of a large number of suggestions for speakers, practically all of whom were ready to present some phase of international relations of the social order. We were grateful for these suggestions and sorry there were not enough opportunities for all.

After the summer hiatus, the Program Committee cooperated in planning for the opening of the Meeting House. We were happy that Alevander Purdy could bring us a definitive message for the Opening itself. Then, in three subsequent meetings, Henry J. Cadbury of Cambridge reviewed the history of our Society; Howard Brinton of Pendle Hill outlined our religious faith and beliefs; and Stephen Cary of Germantown, Pa. explained our social testimonies. Stephen Cary was substitute for Clarence Pickett who was unable to come at the last minute.

Finally the Program Committee had a slight part in the pre-Christmas meeting. Although the bulk of the evening was devoted to caro singing under the care of Libby Butterworth and Virginia Costales we were happy that Alexander Purdy could report on the Five Years Meeting held recently at Richmond, Ind., which he attended as a delegate from New England Yearly Meeting.

Needless to say the Program Committee experienced no difficulty in expending its financial allotment for the year, and we trust that Friends will feel amply repaid for this bit of excass.

For the Committee,
Wendell Clepper

The Education Committee made the foolowing report:

During the year 1950 the Education Committee has, as usual, supervised the Adult Discussion Group and the Children's First Day Sch Because of the increaded activity of both these groups, the commi operated with a Co*Chairman, William Greene, in charge of the Adult Discussion Group. In the spring, as has been the custom for the past two or three years, the group took up Bible Study. Because he was temporarily not as busy as usual, Glenn Roberts was a to lead all of these discussions, and give the meeting the benefi of his learning. This autumn William Greene arranged an interesti group of discussions leading up to the opening of the new Meeting House. They were not held on the First Days on which we had our speakers on various aspects of Quakerism, but since then the grou has started, apparently quite enthusiastically, a discussion of "The Vocation of Friends in the Modern World", prepared by the Friends' World Conference Committee as preparation for the Friend World Conference in 1952. The attendance at these ten o'clock discussions each First Day morning has been better this year than at any time that this writer can remember, several times reaching 25 persons, although occasionally sinking to the discouraging level of only three.

The First Day School has continued to grow throughout the year, until now on a good day (weatherwise) the attendance will average close to 35 children. Martha Peery did not return to the Seminary this fall, so in her place, in charge of the nursery there, we secured Betty Metcalf, who has continued with us at the Meeting House, and is doing work for us as her field work for the Seminary. When we moved into the new Meeting House a number of problems face us; the noise of the children disturbed the meeting for worship; the storage of materials in conjunction with the week-day nursery school did not run smoothly at first; and so on. These are all gradually being solved, I am glad to say. The noise has been help by dividing the largest class in half, leaving the nursery group t Ethel Collins, a newcomer to our staff of teachers, and the combin kindergarten and first-grade class to Betty Metcal

Jean Simons has had the class for second and third graders, and Ellen Paullin and Peggy Morrison have shared the responsibility for the older class, fourth through seventh grades. This latter class, an extremely important one though the smallest in the school, has given us the most concern this year. For one thing, here at the Meeting House it has been difficult to find a suitable place for it to meet. Much of the time this fall it has been meeting in Peggy Morrison's home, where a second piano is available. Speaking of pianos reminds me of the generosity of Laurence and Lucia Barber with their home and piano; their home has become practically an annex to the Activities Room, and twice this fall the entire First Day School has been held in their home; we are most grateful to them.

Perhaps it has been the extra noise that has made the meeting in general much more conscious of the existence of the First Day School; in any case, we have come in for some healthy criticism for the first time. Out of it has come an improvement, we think, in the spiritual quality of our program. We appreciate this interest, and welcome all Friendly criticism. Parents and others are invited to visit our classes and see what we are doing, for we, at any rate, consider it one of the most important activities of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph M. Williams

The Meeting expressed appreciation for the teachers who have made the First Day School a success. Ralph Williams is to write a letter to Jean Simons whose efforts along these lines have been outstanding.

The Librarian gave the following annual report:

~~The Library Committee has worked hard, and has prepared many titles for circulation. Peggy Morrison has accepted the task of assigning to each member so far as possible, a more or less definite phase of the work to be done. Besides general oversight for the work as a whole, she has undertaken the correspondence, and also the job of building up our collection of leaflets to be handed to inquirers. A great many tracts and leaflets have come in to us. In the effort to choose from these which to duplicate as especially fitting our needs, we really need help from any of you who are willing to read and report to us, or who may already know some of them. Dr Shaw is ordering for our library all of the Rufus M. Jones titles no already in our collection~~.

This committee has net very regularly, and has worked hard to keep the library active thru the disorder of the past months, when we have been both recataloging the books and getting settled in our new and spacious quarters. Because of the abnormal situation, the circulation of books for the year is not high. But now the demand for material is increasing, and we hope to grow to meet our opportunities. With added shelf space, with bulletin boards, and by other means, we plan to have all books pamphlets and periodicals used as much as possible.

Many of our most valuable and most needed books have come to us as gifts from our members. Thanks to our committee on selection, we have a fine list of titles from which to order, and also to use for suggestions to those who wish to make us additional gifts. These have been various necessary expenses for cataloging equipment and so on, which has not left much money in our budget for books, tho we have bought some, and have also paid for some subscriptions. This committee feels that our library should be so developed as to become an indispensab service to all interested in the meeting. We have never faced suc situations as our world presents now. We need to know of the courage others can give us. We must have guidance, especially in meeting problems as they arise in our own community. We will surely be expected to demonstrate our faith and testimonies. There are many Quaker sources of material for these and other serious questions.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee,

Edith C. Clapp, Librarian

The Sewing Committee reported:

During the past year the sewing group made over 75 new garments and sent over 275 pounds reconditioned clothing to The Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia for distribution overseas.

Our meeting date has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday, and we are new meeting every week at the Meeting House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If any ladies would like to join us we should be glad of their assistance.

We have purchased a new Singer sewing machine through contributions from our Sewing Group and Friends interested in ourwork.

Lately there has come a request for warm clothing to be sent to Korea. If anyone haswearable clothing to contribute we should be glad to receive it.

Elizabeth Shaw, Chairman

The Peace and Service Committee reported:

Undoubledly, the outstanding activity of our Committee during the past year consisted in helping the Seliwanowsky family become settled here in Hartford County. Many members in the Meeting, besides the Committee, helped in giving this family a Friendly start in their new country and in aiding them to meet some of their basic needs.

Most of the Committee's members have also worked with other groups that pursued goals parallel to those of the Committee. Some of this work has been with the New England Regional Branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

During the past year, with occasional exceptions, the Committee tried to meet monthly. These meetings provided opportunities for enrichment through Christian fellowship as well as providing a channel through which some of the meeting's social and religious concerns could be met. Correspondence was carried on with a number of other like-minded groups such as Friends General Conference the New England Committee for CO's, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation in order to facilitate the achievement of some of our mutual concerns.

The Committee extended help in the form of contributions to a number of causes such as:

1. An ad for the "One Great Hour" radio program.

2. The Committee for the Quaker Peace Proposals.

3. A Football for Young Friends in Jamaica.

4. Common Council for Civic Unity.

5. Displaced persons.

6. A Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Caravan.

The year was one full of activity for all members of the Committee, and it was encouraging to note that, although political and economic complications in various parts of the world threatened and endangered civil and religious liberties, our little group, along with others, has been helpful in maintaining a ray of hope in the goodness of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Wojan, Chairman

The Meeting House Committee made the following report:

The Meeting House and grounds have been finished according to plan except for minor details. Planting in the Spring will improve the outside appearance. A storm enclosure is about to go up at the north entrance for heating economy and comfort. A doorway at the head of the stairs soon will supplement the carpetting in reducing noise. The antique table in the hall has been purchased. A second small table is needed to replace the borrowed one in the office.

The present friendly arrangement of benches in the Meeting room soon can be modified if that is desired by two short benches on each side of the fireplace. All benches, of course, can be moved into conventional form when maximum seating capacity for the hall is desired. A short bench soon will be placed at the west end of the hall for the convenience of those wearing rubbers and arctics.

The developments of the times recently caused the West Hartford Library Committee to abandon its plan for the neighborhood branch in our reading and sewing room. We therefore have shelf space in excess of present needs and the room will be available for appropriate purposes beyond those of our own concerns.

The Activities Room has continued in use mornings through the week except on Saturdays. Our First Day School has had some difficulty with the presence of Nursery School equipment but better understanding of needs is bringing good results. Use of the storage closets and the heater room still may require adjustment but with no hardship, it is anticipated.

The many little hands of the Nursery School have left traces of play materials and food and other things in disarray have combined to disturb Friends but conditions, we believe, will improve as the teachers come to know what is expected of them.

Afternoon and evening use of the building has been less than was anticipated when we consulted the West Hartford welfare authorities before beginning our structure. That has been due partly to some uncertainty about policy and cost participation. We are at present giving appreciated accommodation to two or three groups in addition to the very successful Nursery School.

Request for the use of our Meeting Room has been made at the moment of this writing. It is proposed to hold an exhibit of colored slides for the benefit of the Times Farm and Camp Courant. An early answer to the request is indicated.

The Committee members are eager for suggestions for the maximum usefulness and satisfaction we may attain here.

Paul Butterworth, Chairman

The Management Committee reported:

This Committee was established during the past year, and at points has found its work overlapping that of the Meeting House Committee This was anticipated, however, and members of the Meeting House Committee were appointed to the Management Committee.

The Committee foundit advisable to divide into two parts, one having to do with physical properties, which Paul Butterworth has served as chairman; the other being responsible for the use of the Meeting House by other groups, and Katherine Locke has chaired that sub-committee.

The Committee has studied suggestions which have arisen concerning the use of kitchen, locker rooms, etc., and as a result has had locks placed on the closets. We believe that all such suggestions have been dealt with satisfactorily.

The Committee has considered various requests by organizations for use of the building. It has agreed that Thursday afternoon and evening should be held regularly for Meeting activities. It is agreed that religious organizations should have preference with affairs of the Society first, ecumenical affairs second, and other denominational affairs third. Social agencies should also be admitted, and community agencies with useful purposes. Two Brownie groups, oneYWCA group, and a dancing class were granted afternoon periods, but only the YWCA group and dancing class still uses the privilege. Our rate of $2.00 an hour seemed difficult to some, although this merely covers expenses and the Meeting itself offere to subsidize a part of this where necessary. $1.00 an hour over the first hour would be charged.

A Photography Club has been accepted for one Wednesday night each month beginning the month (January 1951). Organizations which, like this one, have worthy but not philanthropic aims will be asked to share overhead as well as direct costs.

The Committee believes that experience will rapidly show the proper way to answer any questions now unsolved, including experience in maintenance costs upon which "cost sharing" by agencies using the building should be based.

W. Glenn Roberts, Chairman

The Bulletin Committee reported:

There were only 5 Bulletins sent out this year. They went to 134 addresses, which include libraries, exchanges, out-of-towners, members and attenders.

We are most grateful to Virginia Costales who so capably put together the last Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois H. D. Williams

The Nominating Committee made the following report which are the suggested appointments for officers and committee members for 1951:

Ministry and Counsel: Hannah Cleaver, 3 years; Ralph Williams, 3 years

Clerk: Jeannette H. Purdy

Recording Clerk: Robert B. Walker

Treasurer: Thomas R. Bodine

Recorder: Alice E. Jorgensen

Peace and Service: Theodore Paullin, Ch.; Moses Bailey, H. Paul Cleaver

Hospitality: Chairman, (unsettled) ; Virginia Costales; Hannah Cleaver; Elizabeth Butterworth; Lucia Barber; Barbara Ditmars; Virginia Hicks; Alice Jorgensen; Ruth Kirk; Katherine Locke; Lois Williams; Bernice Smith

Adult Education: Wm. Greene, Chairman; Alexander Purdy; Ruth Boone; Harold Collins; Edith Clapp; Roland Zane

First Day School: Glenn Roberts, Chairman; Barbara Beekley; Ethel Collins; Florence Greene; Margaret Morrison; Jean Simons; Ellen Paullin; Ralph Williams

Library: Edith Clapp and Margaret Morrison, Co-Chairmen; Lucia Barber; Virginia Costales; Katherine Locke; George Halford

Program: Wendell Clepper, Chairman; Alice Fox; Elizabeth Greene; George Halford; Ellen Paullin; Alexander Purdy

Finance: H. Paul Cleaver, Chairman; Thomas R. Bodine; Carol DeCou; Thomas Harvey

Auditor: George H. Shaw Jr.

Ushers: Gerald S. Greene, Chairman; Frank Gademan; Thomas Harvey; Robert Smith; Bernard Wojan

Representative on Nursery School Board: Jeannette Purdy

Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee: Paul Butterworth

Bulletin: Jeanne Clepper, Chairman: Virginia Costales; Carol DeCou; Lois Williams

Sewing: Elizabeth Shaw, Chairman

Meeting House Management: Lawrence L. Barber, Chairman: Paul Butterworth ; Mabel Bailey; Katherine Locke, Chairman of Hospitality Treasurer Ex officio, Clerk Ex officio, Thomas Harvey Pro Tem

Meeting House Building Committee: Paul Butterworth, Chairman; H. Paul Cleaver; Thomas Harvey; George H. Shaw

Respectfully submitted

for the Nominating Committee

Virginia Costales
Ralph Williams
Thomas Harvey

The meeting approved this report as well as all the foregoing annu reports of all the committees, and expressed appreciation for the years' work they represented. Since there was no chairman of the Hospitality Committee designated, Virginia Costales was appointed convener.

After a few minutes of worship the meeting concluded.

Jeanette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

February 8, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held February 8th 1951 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

Edith C. Clapp was appointed as the new member of the Nominating Committee to serve three years.

Hannah Cleaver was appointed chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported on a request for membership by Harold and Ethel Collins of Waterbury, Conn. and associate membership for their children, Sarah Alice, Douglas David and Harold Theodore. It was recommended they be accepted. The Meeting heartilly approved and appointed Marjanne and Robert Walker to visit them and welcome them into the Meeting.

The Hospitality Committee announced a Supper Meeting would be held February 22nd.

The Program Committee announced that the First Day School Committee will have a panel discussion on February 22nd on the content of the educational program for the First Day School.

The Educational Committee reported that William Greene would welcome suggestions for subject material for the adult discussion group for an overall five year period.

The Sewing Committee reported that three packages are ready for shipment but due to mailing restrictions they have not been sent. It was also reported that Elizabeth Shaw had resigned as chairman.

The Peace and Service Committee reported on a recent discussion meeting where the question of the Meeting's attitude towardthe Peace Testimony was discussed. The Meeting considered the discussion helpful and hoped Thomas Harvey would lead the next group by opening a discussion on the meeting's attitude with respect to the present Selective Service law. March 1st and April 5th have been set aside for these discussions.

The Committee also announced that Milton Mayer under the sponsorship of the A.F.S.C. will meet with us sometime in May.

The February 10th meeting of the New England Section of the A.F.S.C. to be held in Cambridge, Mass. was announced.

The Management Committee reported that a cleaning woman had been hired and expressed satisfaction in her work.

The Committee also reported that many requests had been received for the use of the Meeting House. In fact there are 67 scheduled events for February. The Meeting was asked for clarification of the share-the-cost policy with regard to certain religious and educational groups. The following official minute was adopted concerning this point:

"The Meeting is united in welcoming the opportunity of being host to groups such as the New England Section of the A.F.S.C. and Oakwood School alumni".

The Treasurer reported that we had a balance of $555.96 going into 1951. He estimated that the cost to run the Meeting House would be about $2700. per year. $1100.would come from the Nursery School, $300. from other sources and the remaining $1300. would be the the Meeting's share.

The Auditor report was read which appears below:

2-6-1951 I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct. G. Herbert White, Auditor.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

March 8, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held March 8th, 1951 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Treasurer's report which includes the 1951 budget was presented and approved as shown on page 202.

General Fund 1951

Education Committee	$225.
Librarian	80.
Sewing Committee	25.
Peace and Service Committee	200.
Program Committee	100.
Hospitality Committee	--
Travel	10.
Bulletin and Secretarial	100.
Meeting House Maintenance	1500.
New England Yearly Meeting	450.
Miscellaneous	62.
American Friends Service Committee	100.
Friends Committee on Nat'l. Legis.	25.
Friends Fellowship Council	25.
Friends World Committee	25.
Pendle Hill	10.
Hartford Council of Churches	25.
Women's Church Union	3.
Contingency	35.
	$3000.

The Committee on Ministry and Council announced that a meeting would be held on April 19th to study the various aspects of membership. Alexander C. Purdy is to lead the discussion.

The Hospitality Committee made the following report:

On February 16th the Hospitality Committee met at the home of the chairman. After "breaking bread" together, a business meeting was held at which it was decided to serve, approximately once a month, a dinner for which a charge should be made, also , to ask for small donations at other suppers and luncheons in order to meet expenses for supplies as we should be self-supporting.

The Committee has helped in serving several Pot Luck Suppers, a couple of box suppers, as well as, planning and serving one informal but satisfying dinner on February 22nd for which guests were charged 75¢, children 50¢. In spite of colds and weather the latter was quite successful from every angle, including finances (profit $6.00).

(Pot Luck Luncheons are served each Sunday following meeting by all who wish to participate.)

The Chairman, by request, has purchased paper cups, paper plates, napkins and towels $37.09 wholesale; also, canned milk, coffee, tea and soap powder, as well as food for dinner February 22nd.

All supplies and foods have been paid for by the dinner and donati there is now $2.45 toward the paper goods.

As has been mentioned the Hospitality Committee feels that this department should be self supporting; as does the Finance Committee, as you probably noticed when you studied the budget for 1951.

However, I should like to have discussion upon the ways and means of raising the necessary funds.

Hannah G. Cleaver, Chairman

The Program Committee announced plans for a panel discussion on the Cooperative Nursery School to be held March 22nd. A father, mother, teacher and trained observer will be on the panel.

The Education Committee suggested that the meeting purchase some copies of the "Friends Hymnal" and also some pamphlets called "When Friends Sing" for use during Supper Meetings and other gatherings. The meeting was in favor of this proposal and referred the matter back to the Committee to carry out if the material in the sample books appealed to members.

A letter from Juliana Perry of the Westerly R.I. Meeting was read. It was an invitation to the Hartford and Fairfield Meetings to join them in their Quarterly Meeting and also in a discussion on the material in the 1952 World Friends Conference study pamphlets. This is to be held the 3rd weekend in April. Any individuals that can attend should notify William Greene.

The Library Committee made the following report;

The Library Committee has worked hard, and has prepared many titles for circulation. Peggy Morrison has accepted the task of assigning to each member so far as possible, a more or less definite phase of the work to be done. Besides general oversight for the work as a whole, she has undertaken the correspondence, and also the job of building up our collection of leaflets to be handed to inquirers. A great many tracts and leaflets have come in to us. In the effort to choose from these which to duplicate as especially fitting our needs, we really need help from any of you who are willing to read and report to us, or who may already know some of them. Dr. Shaw is ordering for our library all of the Rufus M. Jones titles not already in our collection.

The Sewing Committee reported that seven boxes of clothing, some of which is new, were taken to the A.F.S.C. in Cambridge by Bernard Wojan. Four more boxes are ready to go.

The Peace and Service Committee introduced a concern of our Middletown Friends by referring to a letter from Harold Chance which urged visits to Washington to contact Senators and Representatives to help prevent Universal Military Training from being passed. David McAllister and David McClelland pointed out that Raymond Wilson of the Friends Commitee on National Legislation has stessed the importance of having a terminal date for any draft law. After considerable discussion the following minute was adopted which the Middletown Friends may take with them to Washinton to show the Meeting's support:

"The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends has heard with approval and unites in the concern of its members in Middletown to seek ways of discussion with members of Congress in Washington. We wish to express our opposition to a permanent program of universal military training; our concern that any military service legislation should include a termination date; and our desire that a clause for exemption of conscientious objectors be included."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting Of Friends.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Another project of the Peace and Service Committee is to help spread the A.F.S.C. statement on foreign policy which will be published in the New York Times and in Boston papers. The Committee suggested that we sponsor the statement in the Hartford Courant and Hartford Times. The Meeting approved the plan and encouraged the Committee to go forward.

The third item in the Committee's report was a suggested program of inviting foreign students in the Hartford area to meet with us at some Supper Meeting and program to promote friendship. The Meeting approved the plan but wished to postpone its execution till fall when foreign students would probably welcome such hospitality more.than now since they are established in their academic year.

The Committee announced that another discussion group would be held April 5th on the subject of Selective Service.

The Meeting House Committee made the following report: This Committee expects to retire from service with the completion of the landscaping. Problems of the cemetary plot are long term and will have to be met in the future as the occasion arises.

In addition to this report the Committee expressed their concern that the play ground equipment should either be put away for the summer or that some supervision be planned for its use. This matter was referred to the Management Committee for a solution.

The Management Committee reported that the Meeting House is being used very extensively and asked for notification by the various committees when there are any changes in plans so the janitor won't open the Meeting House and turn up the heat for no avail.

The Bulletin will be published in about 10 days and all current information should be sent to Jean Clepper promptly.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording
Clerk

April 12, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held April 12th, 1951 in the Meeting House following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read a letter from Greene Street Monthly Meeting in Germantown, Philadelphia on the behalf of Patricia Ruth Ritter and her daughter Martha Kingsley Ritter who wish to transfer their membership to our Meeting. The Committee recommended and the Meeting heartily approved that they be accepted as members. Lawrence and Lucia Barber were appointed to welcome them.

At the April 19th discussion to be lead by the Committee on the subject of "Membership in the Meeting" such questions as the following will be considered:

1 How real is spiritual experience? Should we expect applicants to have reached some spiritual attainment before joining meeting?

2 What place should testimonies hold?

3 Should we approach prospective members or let them seek us out?

The Hospitality Committee asked for a volunteer to take Quarterly Meeting representatives out to lunch on Saturday the 28th. Thomas R. Bodine agreed to do this.

The Program Committee called attention to the talk to be given by George Selleck April 29th on "Quaker Work in Finland" and Milton Mayer's May 3rd talk on "One World - Its Cost and Consequences".

The Library Committee reported that George H. Shaw is very generously giving a copy of all books written by Rufus Jones which are not now in the Library.

The Sewing Committee reported that 13 boxes of clothes are ready to go. The Committee plans to have the Cambridge representatives take the boxes back on their way home from Quarterly Meeting.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that David MacAllister did go to Washington,D. C. for the reasons covered in the March 8th minutes.

The Committee reported on the discussion meeting held 4/5 on the subject of the Peace Testimony.

The Committee reported an expenditure of $300 to move the Selvanowski family to Worcester.

It was stated that the fund of $1600 is being raised by the Central Committee on C. O.'s to pay the lawyers who worked for the defense of Larry Gara in the Supreme Court.

A card received from the AFSC was read which stated that the public statement would be delayed until April 17th. To show the Meeting's support of this statement, the following special minute was approved:

> "The Meeting approved the use of its name in connection with the advertisement of the AFSC concerning its public statement to be published in the Hartford Courant or Hartford Times".

The Education Committee displayed several hymnals of various types. The Meeting finally settled on "A Hymnal for Friends" and decided to order 30 copies.

The Committee on Ushers reported that average Sunday Meeting attendance had been 46, 60% men.

The Management Committee reported on the following improvements which have been made:

1. Planting of shrubs
2. Addition of a curb at the foot of the drive.
3. New coat of asphalt on playground.
4. Crushed stone on playground near slides.

It appeared that after failure to find supervision it would be necessary to close the playground during summer. Paul Clever and Thomas Harvey were appointed to see that a sign is put up to notify the public of this condition.

Some consideration was given for allowing use of the Meeting House for meditation during the week. It was decided to wait for a more definite demand along these lines before taking action.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Jeannette Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk
Robert B. Walker

May 10, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held May 10th 1951 in the Meeting House following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved after a correction:

The Treasurer made the following report which was accepted by the Meeting:

GENERAL FUND		
Balance 1-1-51	555.96	
Contributions	584.62	
Total Available		1,140.58
Expenses		
New England Yearly Mtg.	300.00 - 16% over quota	
First Day School	78.21	
Bulletin & Secretarial	77.37	
Miscellaneous	6.45	
Total Expenses		462.03

Balance 5-1-51			678.55
HYMNALS FUND			
Expenses		23.60	
Balance 5-1-51			-23.60
FIVE YEARS MTG. BLDG. FUND			
Contribution	25.00		
Transferred to Five Yrs.Mtg.		25.00	
Balance 5-1-51			.00
PEACE & SERVICE COMMITTEE	30.11		
Balance 1-1-51		402.68	
Expenses for Selivanoshy fam.			-372.57
Balance 5-1-51			
MEETING HOUSE BLDG. FUND			
Balance 1-1-51	2,692.27		
Special Contribution Cleaver	200.00		
Regular Contributions	75.00		
Total Available		2,967.27	
Transferred to Sunset Foundation for 1950		2,000.00	
Balance 5-1-51			967.27
MEETING HOUSE MAINTENANCE			
Balance 1-1-51	59.02		
Contributions	340.24		
Total Available		399.26	
Expenses - Coles	278.64		
Mrs. Tenders	42.75		
Social Security	8.39		
Gas	255.81		
Light	53.48		
Telephone	32.00		
Snow Removal	137.50		
Paper Cups	37.09		
Miscellaneous	10.63		
Total Expenses		856.29	
Balance 5-1-51			-457.03
BANK BALANCE, MAY 1, 1951			792.62

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel read a letter from Herbert and Cassandra White who have moved to Tamworth, N. H. They request their names be removed from our membership as they will be unable to be active here. Since they are still members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch St.) they are not requesting a transfer. The Committee recommended and the Meeting approved the acceptance of their resignation. This action was taken with regret as the Whites had been among us for many years. The Clerk was asked to write to the Whites, notifying them of the Meetings action.

The Hospitality Committee made the following report:

First I wish to commend the young folks, especially Ellen Paullin, for serving the Sunday luncheons which follow the meeting for worship every week. These have been well attended, well managed and most enjoyable.

April 28 we served suppers to approximately seventy people preceeding Raymond Wilson's talk "Instead of Rearmament".

April 29 we served 79 people at noon in conjunction with Quarterly Meeting (Conn. Valley)

May 3 - about 25 people had supper with Milton Mayer preceeding his unusual and thought provoking talk - "One World- Its Cost and Consequences".

These three meals cleared nearly $20. toward the paper supply Debt. To those we may feel this is a profit- actually we "made" something like 10 cent per person because of volunteer workers plus the fact that a paid worker, I expected Saturday evening disappointed us-thus saving about $6.

H. Cleaver-Chairman

The First Day School part of the Education Committee has formula- a plan for our adult members to participate in the First Day morning activities of the children by coming to the Meeting House 15 minutes early in order to see the projects the children are working on and to sing hymns. Elizabeth Butterworth is to lead the singing.

Four classes and one paid teacher are considered essential and will be continued next year. Although Betty Metcalf will be present only until May 20th, classes will be continued until June 10th. If the demand is present, First Day School may be continued through summer.

The Library Committee reported that there are over 100 books in the Library not including pamphlets. A list of the books will be published in the Bulletin. Pendell Hill pamphlets will be on sale in a rack in the Meeting House. A total expenditure of $26.06 for 1951 was reported.

The Sewing Committee reported that 400 pounds of used clothing which had to be reconditioned and washed was sent to the AFSC this year.

The Peace and Service Committee recommended we do not place the AFSC statement in one of the Hartford newspapers, since an expenditure of $160 would be required to pay for a half page advertisement. The Meeting approved this recommendation feeling that we could use the money to better advantage in other ways.

The Management Committee made the following report which was approved:

> To the Members of the Management Committee:
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> I am submitting the following matters for your consideration:
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> 1. There seems need to buy several items of equipment:
>   a full-sized step ladder
>   200 feet of garden hose (in 50 foot sections)
>   a replacement for the Butterworth table in the office
>
> 2. At a meeting of the three members who could be collected the following policy was worked out for committee approval and presentation to the meeting:

Because of possible damage to landscaping and building, and because of liability for injury (as evidenced by the recently filed suit) the play yard should not be open for unsupervised use during the summer.

The Nursery School should be invited and encouraged to store their disassembled outdoor equipment during the summer in the small alcoves off the Activities Room.

The play yard should then be kept locked during the summer.

In the event that some summer play school should request the use of the play yard, under adequate supervisions, the Committee would be responsive, with the condition that the play yard be kept locked when the school is not in session.

Assuming such a school were operated, in the further event that a group of mothers wished to arrange a definite plan of personal supervision, handling scheduling and keys, the yard could be made available for such use, again on condition that the yard be locked except when school or mother direct supervision was available.

3. Because of the short time available, would you please phone any amendments or objections to Katherine Locke or myself before Monthly Meeting.

Laurence L. Barber, Jr., Ch.

The Bulletin will be sent out in about 10 days. All information should be sent to Jean Clepper.

A letter from Peter Coney was read, which was an appeal for funds to help defray the young peoples expenses at the New England Yearly Meeting. The Meeting refered the matter to the Finance Committee to act upon, letting what was given last year to be a guide.

Under new business it was suggested we give a contribution to the new Westminister Church being built in West Hartford and also to the new meeting house being constructed at State College, Pa. The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to send $5.00 to each.

An appeal from the Red Cross for blood donors was read which asked for organized church backing the their program. The poster and applications were left in the Meeting House for individuals who might wish to participate.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

Robert B. Walker

June 7, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held June 7th, 1951 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted after corrections.

Libby Butterworth reported on a visit with Herbert and Cassandra White at Tamworth, New Hampshire. They seem to be happy in their new surroundings.

It was reported that Zora Roberts was in the Hartford Hospital. The Meeting asked that a letter be sent ot her wishing her a quick recovery.

The Meeting discussed the desirability of writing non-resident members to help them keep in touch with the Meeting's activities. The Correspondent was asked to send letters to the non-resident list at this time.

The Hospitality Committee reported that Sunday luncheons after Meeting would be continued through the summer.

The Program Committee reported that no definite plans were now formulated, but that a picnic Meeting may be held in June.

In connection with the Education Committee report, Margaret Morrison reported on a talk given by Olaf Hanson, who is in charge of First Day Schools of the Five Years Meeting.

Considerable discussion was carried on concerning the noise the smaller First Day School children are making during Meeting for worship. Some feel that adults should be able to concentrate in spite of the noise. Others feel that some action should be taken to reduce this noise. Margaret Morrison was appointed to speak to Ralph Williams about this condition.

In order to remove some of the younger First Day School children away from the Meeting House, the Barbers again offered the use of their home. This question will be considered by the First Day School Committee.

The Sewing Committee reported that all available boxes of used clothing would be sent off to the A.F.S.C. before Yearly Meeting.

Since no ushers were present at the last Sunday meeting for worship, the Meeting asked Thomas Harvey to approach Gerald Greene to make sure ushers would be present in the future.

The Management Committee brought up the question of proper care of the playground equipment for the summer. Paul Butterworth generously offered to haul it to his home in his trailer. The Meeting accepted this generous offer and hoped other members would volunteer to help out.

The suggestion was made that we invite parents of the Nursery School children to come to Meeting. It was the judgement of the Meeting that this invitation might be gotten out in the fall.

The Bulletin will come out again in the fall.

The Treasurer reported that the Nursery School expenses were running $100. per month instead of $60. per month as originally estimated. In order to make up some of this difference, the Nursery School plans to pay $80. per month for the first five months of 1951. Next fall, under a new budget, they will pay at the rate of $100. per month.

The Meeting authorized the Finance Committee to negotiate the adjustment with the Nursery School.

The following minute describes the circumstances by which the Meeting received the Gilbert and Edgerton funds, for which the Meeting is grateful:

"Trust funds for Cemetery

"Years ago the Gilbert and Edgerton families each placed funds with the Treasurer of the Town of West Hartford, in trust, with the understanding that the income from such funds was to be used in the care of that certain part of the old cemetery which was enclosed by an iron fence, and within which members of the families of Gilbert, Edgerton, Caldwell and Carter were buried.

"The income from the trust funds was hardly sufficient to pay for cutting the grass inside the fence once or twice each year.

"In the spring of 1951, William H. Gilbert,Charles A. Gilbert and Joseph B. Edgerton, after consulting with members of the Building Committee of our Meeting, withdrew the trust funds from the Town Treasurer.

"William and Charles Gilbert sent to the Meeting a check in the sum of one hundred twenty-four dollars and sixty-seven cents. William Gilbert also sent a bond in principal sum of one hundred fifty dollars.

"Joseph Edgerton sent a check in the sum of one hundred fourteen dollars and twenty-one cents.

"The Meeting (June 1951) considered these gifts and the conditions upon which they would be accepted. The Clerk was instructed to write to William and Charles Gilbert and to Joseph Edgerton thanking them and setting forth the conditions upon which the Meeting would accept the funds in trust. Copies of the Clerk's letters to the Gilberts and Edgerton are attached to and become a part of these minutes.

"Since the date of this Meeting word has been received from Charles Gilbert that the conditions, set forth in the Clerk's letter, are satisfactory."

The following letters were sent to Charles A. Gilbert and Joseph B. Edgerton:

June 18, 1951

Mr. Charles A. Gilbert
1110 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, Conn.

Dear Friends: Seth L. and Minnie J. Gilbert Fund

On behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1st 1951 enclosing check of William H. Gilbert in the sum of $124.67, being the Seth L. Gilbert Fund heretofore held in trust by the Town of West Hartford.

I also acknowledge receipt of Debenture Bond #C-311 of Ten Allyn Street, Inc. in the principal sum of $150.00 originally issued to William H. Gilbert and assigned to Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, in memory of your sister Minnie J. Gilbert.

We appreciate your generosity, and in keeping with the desires expressed in your letter, the Meeting will accept these gifts in trust upon the following terms:

1. The aggregate principal sum of the two gifts will be carried on the records of the Meeting as the "Seth L. and Minnie J. Gilbert Fund".

2. For convenience of investment the fund may be merged with other trust funds held by the Meeting

3. The income from the fund will become a part of the Meeting's general Income.

4. The Meeting will give to the Gilbert plot in the cemetery and to the monuments therein, the same care that is given to the whole cemetery and to the front yard of the Meeting's property.

5. In view of the precarious condition of the iron fence and the stone in some of the monuments, the Meeting may remove the fence and make such changes in the monuments as may be necessary, with the understanding that the names of those buried in the plot will be maintained.

These conditions are described because it seems certain that the cost of maintenance will exceed the income from the trust fund.

We hope that these conditions may meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Clerk

Joseph B. Edgerton
642 N. W. 3rd Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends I acknowledge receipt of the check of the Town of West Hartford, payable to you and endorsed by you, in the sum of one hundred fourteen and 21/100 dollars which represents principal and interest of a trust fund established by you for the care of the Edgerton family plot in the cemetery on the property of the Friends Meeting on Quaker Lane.

We appreciate your generosity, and will accept this fund in trust upon the following terms:

1. The principal sum of the fund will be carried on the records of the Meeting as the "Edgerton Fund"

2. For convenience of investment the fund may be merged with other trust funds held by the Meeting

3. The income from the fund will become a part of the Meeting's

general income.

4. The Meeting will give to the Edgerton plot in the cemetery, and to the monuments therein, the same care that is given to the whole cemetery and to the front yard of the Meeting's property.

5. In view of the precarious condition of the iron fence and the stone in some of the monuments, the Meeting may remove the fence and make such changes in the monuments as may be necessary with the understanding that the names of those buried in the plot will be maintained.

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Sincerely yours,

Clerk

The following were reappointed to the Committee on Investments:

Paul Butterworth, Chairman
H. Paul Cleaver
Thomas P. Harvey

The Meeting approved the use of the interest from the Frank Witko fund.

It was announced that a strong box would be available soon for minutes, letters, etc.

The Meeting asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Edwin Taylor Lumber Company for its share in the Meeting House benches.

The Meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship. The next Monthly Meeting is to be held September 13th, 1951.

Jeannette Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk
Robert B. Walker

September 13, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held September 13, 1951 in the Meeting House after a meeting for worship.

Glenn Roberts was appointed clerk pro-tem in the absence of Jeannette Purdy.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved except for a reference to the Gilbert and Edgerton funds, which will be prepared in time for the October meeting. / ?

No further reference to this.

It was announced that Kermit and Jean Simons and family plan to move to North Attleboro, Massachusetts, where Kermit Simons has a new position. The Recording Clerk was appointed to write a letter stating how much we would miss them and wishing them well in their future endeavors.

The Program Committee, after asking the Meeting's wishes concerning a September supper meeting, will plan for the first program meeting in October.

The Education Committee reported that the adult discussion groups would be continued this fall. Subject matter will very likely be preparation material for the 1952 Friends' World Conference.

The First Day School Committee read exerpts from Betty Metcalf's report on the material presented to her pupils. The Meeting commented very favorably on this report and stated how much Betty Metcalf will be missed this fall.

The Committee also reported on plans to carry forward the 10:45 AM to 11:00 AM worship program of hymn singing and meditation with the children and parents also if they care to come. Subject matter for the children will include history of the Society of Friends and learning to use the Bible. Teachers will be encouraged to refer more often to the library.

The Meeting approved the report, but expressed a deep concern that more emphasis be placed on teaching Christianity. Too much time has been spent on such things as nature study, finger painting and play-ground activities in themselves.

The Library Committee reported that Margaret Morrison would be willing to take the chairmanship of the committee. It was reported that a good many visitors came to meeting during the summer, and that nearly all spent some time in the Library.

The Sewing Committee reported that it is again collecting clothes for the A.F.S.C. The Barbers offered the use of their sewing machine to the committee during the coming year when they are in Europe. The committee accepted this generous offer.

The Peace and Service Committee referred to a letter from Millicent Foster urging all local Meetings to set up a Committee on Peace and Social Concerns, preferably using this name to be in line with New England Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting practice. The Meeting believed that our present Peace and Service Committee is already doing the type of service suggested. It would be a change in name only. The Meeting did not wish to change the name of the committee without further consideration.

The Committee also announced a meeting being held by the A.F.S.C. in Springfield, Mass., September 14, 1951, on the subject of Universal Military Service. Any members who could were urged to attend and report at the next Monthly Meeting. Anyone who can go was to notify Theodore Paullin.

The Committee read a letter form the chairman of the Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting asking us to write President Truman to help transfer peace negotiations in the Korean situation from military to civilian authorities. The Meeting was sympathetic to the idea expressed and left it up to individuals to take what action they felt was right.

In connection with the Ushers the Meeting felt they had functioned well during the summer.

The Management Committee asked for the Meeting's reaction to a request from the Nursery School Mothers [illegible] carpentry work and painting. The Meeting felt it unwise to permit these particular activities, due to the likelihood of damage such as splashing floors and walls with paint.

The Barbers asked that Mr. Coles be given a telephone number for people inquiring about the Meeting.

The Barbers announced their proposed trip to Europe, whereupon the Meeting wished to express special thanks to Lawrence Barber, who has functioned so well as chairman of the Management Committee and also to Lucia Barber, who has shared this responsibility.

The Meeting also presented the Barbers with a minute from this Meeting signed by our Clerk for them to take to Europe for introduction to Friends' Meetings there.

The Nominating Committee suggested the following persons to fill several vacancies:

Margaret Morrison - chairman of Flower Committee
Elizabeth Butterworth- temporary chairman of Sewing Committee
Paul Butterworth) co-chairmen of Management Committee
Thomas Harvey)

The Meeting approved these appointments and all foregoing reports.

The Bulletin will be issued in about ten days. All material must be sent to Jean Clepper by Monday, September 17, 1951.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

W. Glenn Roberts, Clerk pro-tem

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk
Robert B. Walker

October 11, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held after a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

Thomas Harvey reported on the A.F.S.C. Meeting held in Springfield, Mass. on September 14th. The purpose of the meeting was to stir up public opinion against Universal Military Training.

The Treasurer made the following report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The General Fund budget for the year 1951 is $3,000, nearly double the 1950 budget of $1,600. Most of the increase represents the Meeting's share in the maintenance of the new Meeting House. Our membership has increased only slightly. To meet the General Fund budget, therefore, the present members of the Meeting have to nearly double their 1950 contributions.

Up to October 1, 1951 the contributions received for the General Fund are more than double what they were up to October 1, 1950: $1,133.31 in 1951 against

$564.00 in 1950. But this is partly because many members have given earlier t
year than last year. And the contributions to the Building Fund so far in 1951
$188.59 are far below the $781.53 received up to this time last year. In fact,
total contributions received for both Funds in 1951 up to October 1 are actual
than the total contributions received to October 1, 1950: $1,321.90 in 1951 ve
$1,345.53 in 1950.

The Finance Committee finds these figures alarming. They have reviewed the contributions that came in from members in the last three months of last year and, assuming that Friends contribute at the same rate in the last three month of this year, they estimate the prospective deficit in the General Fund at $1,0 by the end of the year and in the Building Fund $200.

The Peace and Service Committee, which maintains separate accounts, shows a deficit as of October 1 of $199.59, mostly because of the heavy expenses incurr last spring in moving the [illegible] family to Worcester. The Meeting House Maintenance Fund, despite a $1,500 appropriation from the Meeting's General Fun faces a possible deficit December 31 of [illegible]. The Meeting House Management Com with the cooperation of the Quaker Lane [illegible] School is taking steps to cut the maintenance expenses to try to bring the Maintenance Fund in line with its income.

The Finance Committee is sending letters to the members and attenders of the Meeting laying the financial need before them and suggesting that members consider the possibility of tithing. If we were members of other Churches with paid ministry as well as a Church building to support, the financial demand upo us would presumably be greater than the [illegible] to [illegible] of income our Meeting looks fo

The Meeting accepted this report.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that there have been several requests for a series of lectures as an introduction to Quakerism. The Adult Education Committee initiated the idea and suggested one session a week for six weeks. Various times to hold such a program were discussed, but no decision reached. The Meeting approved the program in principle and referred it to the Adult Education Committee to carry out details.

Secondly, the Committee on Ministry and Counsel announced that an open committe would be held at 6:15 PM on November 1st. This will be a covered dish supper. All those who plan to attend were asked to contact Hannah Cleaver. At this mee the committee will go over the list of members and attenders and make definite plans for visitations.

The Hospitality Committee expressed a concern that more food should be brought for Sunday dinner at the Meeting House as so many visitors have been attendin. Secondly, it was suggested that an emergency shelf for canned goods be estabi The Meeting approved this plan and asked that it be announced in the bulletin, so everyone would know the details.

The Program Committee announced that Paul Cleaver would speak on Management and Labor at the October 25th Supper Meeting.

The First Day School Committee reported that the 10:45 to 11 AM program for children and parents was going forward successfully.

The Sewing Committee announced that nine plan to come regularly every other [illegible] and eight plan to come occasionally. [illegible] offered the use of her sewing machine.

The Peace and Service Committee reminded the Meeting of its concern to get acquainted with some of the foreign students in local colleges. The most practical scheme seemed to be to invite a few at a time to meeting for worship and Sunday dinner afterward. This plan was approved by the Meeting.

The Management Committee read a letter from the Taylor Lumber Company which expressed their appreciation of our letter of thanks for the company's part in supplying the Meeting House benches.

The Committee stated that the Eastern Star group using the activities room once a month asked for an eight month lease. The Treasurer was appointed to write a letter stating that the room would no doubt be available, but that we do not wish to make a lease.

The question of taking down the iron fence around the burial ground was discussed. The Committee recommended this be done and the Meeting approved.

The Committee announced that an individual would like to give a stone bench to the Meeting to be either put on the porch or under a tree. The Meeting discussed this question but referred it back to the Committee without recommendation.

Barbara Ellison was appointed by the Meeting for Chairman of the Board of Admissions for the Nursery School.

Quarterly Meeting to be held October 28th in Springfield, Massachusetts, was announced.

Cornelius Kruse is to speak on his summer in Europe.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Jeannete H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk
Robert B. Walker

November 8, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held November 8th, 1951, in the Meeting House following a meeting for worship.

In the absence of Jeannette H. Purdy, Thomas P. Harvey was appointed Clerk pro-tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after one correction.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was accepted by the Meeting:

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Report of Treasurer, November 8, 1951

Since our last Monthly Meeting, contributions have come in from members and attenders that bring us a little closer to meeting our budget for 1951.

	Budget	Received to 11-6-51
General Fund	$3,000	$1,819.13
Building Fund	1,000	438.59

At this time last year we had received for the General Fund $1,248.49 against a much smaller budget of $1,650. In the Building Fund at this time last year, we had already gone over the top with contributions totaling $1,029.67.

The combined contributions to the two funds so far this year total $2,257.72 which is less than the combined contributions to the two funds at the same date last year of $2,278.15

The Program Committee announced plans for the December 26th supper meeting, details of which appeared in the last Bulletin.

The First Day School Committee reported that the program for the children wa very nicely with approximately 30 in attendance on the average. The Committee was pleased that Virginia Costales could take charge of the primary class.

The Sewing Committee reported that 400 pounds of clothing had been sent to th A.F.S.C. in Cambridge within the last month.

The Peace and Service Committee reported that George Trofimoff, whom we had h in the past, said he was planning to contribute $10.00 a month regularly from his Army pay. The Committee was particularly grateful for this income at this time, as it presently has a $200 deficit.

The Meeting spoke appreciatively of the activities of the Ushers.

The Management Committee reported that no cupboard space was yet available for the First Day School, but that when the shed for the Nursery School equipment is completed, this need will be met.

The Committee announced the gift of a stone bench which is now on the front porc The Meeting expressed appreciation of this gift and appointed Thomas Harvey to write a letter of thanks to Robert McGovern, President of the McGovern Granite Company, the donor. The letter is to go out under the name of the Clerk.

The Committee will plan to meet with the Nursery School Committee to discuss the question of how to prevent the older neighborhood children from damaging the Nursery School equipment due to their larger size.

The Nominating Committee suggested Thomas R. Bodine for the Nursery School Board to replace Jeannette Purdy. The Meeting approved this recommendation.

The Meeting then concluded after a few moments of worship.

Thomas P. Harvey, Clerk, pro-tem

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

Robert B. Walker

December 13, 1951

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held December 13th, 1951 in the Meeting House following a meeting for worship.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after corrections.

The Treasurer made the following report which was accepted by the Meeting:

Report of Treasurer, December 13, 1951

> Since the last time I reported in October, contributions received from members and attenders have brought us much closer to meeting our budget for 1951. Against the General Fund budget of $3,000 we have received to date $2,572.22. For the Building Fund's 1951 allotment of $1,000 we have received $833.59.
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> Members have increased their contributions to the General Fund from

approximately $1,300 last year to $1,525 this year. Non-members' contributions have gone up from approximately $400 last year to $665 this year

A large part of the increase by members and non-members is the result of families' pledging $1.00 a week or $10.00 a month or $20.00 a month. These were families who felt it almost impossible to give $50.00 or $100.00 at one time, but who find $1.00 a week or $10.00 a month or $20.00 a month quite possible. The Finance Committee hopes more will follow this pattern and let the Treasurer know now their plans for 1952.

The Contribution Box brought in approximately $150. The Fair has produced $225. to date with more to be reported. The First-Day School children contributed $7.48 in October and November.

The Building Fund received a big boost in the form of a $1,000 contribution from the family of William D. Clark. The Finance Committee decided to apply this gift over ten years, lowering the sum due from the Meeting to $900 a year. Out of 50 families in the Meeting, only 14 have thus far contributed to the Building Fund. If each of the other families were to give $5.00 now to the Building Fund, we would end the year with our full quota.

Twenty families in the Meeting have not yet contributed to the General Fund. Many of these are absentee members. The Finance Committee and Committee on Ministry and Counsel plans to write to these families and individuals.

The Maintenance Account will probably end the year with a $75. deficit, but it is hoped to lower the cost of snow removal and care of grounds and heating in 1952, so that the account will be in balance next year.

The Peace and Service Committee Account will probably end the year with a $170. deficit. But, the Finance Committee plans to let a pledge of $10.00 a month from George Trofimoff out of his U. S. Army pay offset this sum over the next year and a half.

The Hymnals Fund shows a deficit of $6.60. The Disciplines Fund deficit is $24.79. Members who have not paid the Treasurer for their hymnals and disciplines are urged to do so.

The Meeting has Trust Funds at the present time totaling $1,388.88. Part of this sum is invested in National Dairy Products common stock, and part in Ten Allyn Street 4% Debenture Bond. The income is applied to the Maintenance Account.

Friends are urged to complete their contributions for 1951 by the end of December and to let the Treasurer know their intentions for 1952. It is hoped more families will pledge $1.00 to $2 00 a week or $10.00 or $20.00 a month or 1% to 2% of their income.

Make checks payable to Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends and mail to Thomas R. Bodine, Treasurer, c/o University Club, 30 Lewis Street, Hartford 3, Connecticut.

Thomas R. Bodine asked permission to use the Meeting's bank account for handling the New England Yearly Meeting delegates to the 1952 World Conference travel fund. He has been appointed treasurer of this fund. The Meeting granted this request.

The Treasurer announced an anonymous gift of 10 shares of Hartford Connecticut Trust stock worth approximately $750. The Meeting expressed enthusiastic appreciation of the gift and asked the Finance Committee to communicate this feeling to the donor. The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to sell the stock and to make contributions to the various Friendly and religious organizations as desired by the donor. The following special minute was adopted by the Meeting.

> The Meeting agreed that Thomas R. Bodine as Treasurer is hereby authorized to sell, assign and transfer 10 shares of the Capital Stock of The Hartford Connecticut Trust Company represented by certificate #21288 in the name of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends and to execute any and all instruments necessary, proper or desirable for the purpose.

The Finance Committee spoke of a concern to have members contribute regularly by week or month rather than postponing any giving until the end of the year. The Committee thought that in order to have the fiscal year start promptly in January, that it might be wise to have the Nominating Committee present the new roster of officers by November.

The Meeting agreed to have these concerns put in the Bulletin for the other members to consider and to take up again at a future Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel recommend Katherine Locke, Joan Herman and Barbara Ellison for membership. Katherine Locke was formerly a member of the local Trinity Episcopal Church. The latter two named were visited by members of the Committee. The Meeting enthusiastically accepted the three applicants and asked the clerk to officially notify the new members of the Meeting's action.

Thomas and Frances Harvey were appointed to visit Katherine Locke. Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth were appointed to visit Barbara Ellison, and Bernard and Ruth Wojan will visit Joan Herman.

The Committee announced that Thomas and Elizabeth Whitworth would be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on December 23rd, and suggested a gift of $55.00 be given by the Meeting. The Meeting approved and took a collection, which when added to certain other monies, came to this total.

The Recorder reported that 12 letters had been sent to absent members. Also in this report were two announcements from the Connecticut Council of Church Women. One that there would be a follow up on the sale of Christmas seals, and secondly, that three women from our Meeting were needed for entertaining foreign students from the Seminary.

The Hospitality Committee reported that 20 were present at the last supper meeting.

The Program Committee reported that a Christmas dinner and program would be held December 23rd after meeting.

The Library Committee asked for some extra help after Meeting, a time when there is considerable demand for books. The Committee has ordered second copies of all the Rufus Jones books still in print which we do not have in order to fill our collection. Certain equipment, such as a catalog tray, has been purchased. There are now 110 classified books.

The Sewing Committee made the following report:

> The Sewing Committee has been meeting regularly, with 6 - 11 persons attending. The total poundage for the fall months is 764, in clothing packed to be sent to Cambridge. Most of this has gone. Next meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 8th, at 10 AM.

The Meeting spoke appreciatively of the work of the Ushers.

The Management Committee made the following report:

The Management Committee Report for December, 1951

To Friends of The Hartford Meeting of Friends:

Our Meeting House now has completed its first year of operation and it is fitting that we give those who helped us build it or who are sharing in its use a review of our experience and a statement of present conditions.

First, Meetings for Worship have had a marked increase in attendance with, we feel, a high level of spiritual significance. Also, The First Day School has doubled in size and improved in organization.

The Cooperative Nursery School has operated at capacity from the start and manifestly is serving real need. We are grateful indeed to the young women who are making it such a success.

The part-time free use of our Reading Room as a Branch of the West Hartford Library still waits for official sanction. The Older Neighbors Club which was included in our original plans has not yet been formed in the absence of leadership.

During the year our Selivanovsky displace family has arrived, made rapid adjustment to American life and been settled in Worcester, where Father Sergei is Priest to a small Greek Church congregation. A number of kindly people, in additon to our members, have helped in this undertaking and in assistance to our other Displaced Persons.

The Sewing Committee has processed and delivered mostly to the American Friends Service Committee about one half ton of clothing to be sent overseas. Much of this was brought to us by friends outside the Meeting. More clothing urgently is needed with the new outlet in Korea.

Our Peace and Service and other Committees have been active. A number of Supper Meetings with speakers have been held. The meals now served after the Meetings for Worship each week, while a labor for some, are appreciated by those coming from a distance and are proving an excellent means of becoming acquainted with new friends.

Our Activities Room has been used through the year by the following organizations, most of which have shared in janitor service and other operating costs:

Organizations Which Have Used The Meeting House
Facilities During The Past Twelve Months

Quaker Lane Co-operative Nursery School
Brownie Packs, Girl Scouts
Hartford Writers Work Shop
Modern Dance Class
Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority
Oakwood School Alumni
American Friends Service Committee (New England Branch)
Camera Club
Conn-Horticultural Society
Storer Chapter of Eastern Star
Y.W.C.A. Teen-Agers Clubs
Family Service Society

It is abundantly evident that our sturdy little Meeting House is fulfilling well the purposes for which it was built. We can hope that it will endure for many years of service, both Spiritual and Temporal. We ask God's blessing on it and its works.

What we now say is not intended primarily as an "Appeal" but more as an outline of the concerns of our Meeting and as a guide to any of our Friends who may choose to share in them according to his own interests and inclinations. Our little band of Quakers in the Hartford area, one hundred men, women and children, is making substantial sacrifice to support the projects which are dear to us and to maintain the new Meeting House. The burden is particularly heavy while there remains until 1958 $2,000 to be raised each year to complete the payment for the building.

So we list below items of our current accounts to guide the participation of any Friend who can give with satisfaction to any of the causes. A contribution may go to our Treasurer, Thomas R. Bodine, University Club, 30 Lewis Street, Hartford, and should indicate the purpose for which it is intended. We will appreciate also suggestions for further uses of our building.

The Hartford Meeting of Friends
Jeannette H. Purdy,
Clerk
H. Paul Cleaver,
For the Finance Committee
Thomas P. Harvey
Paul Butterworth,
For the Management Committee

1951

Financial Operations

At The Friends Meeting House

	Approximate Expenditures For The Year	Jan. - Oct. Receipts	To Be Secured Before 1-1-52
Maintenance - Net Light, Heat, Water, Janitor, Snow Removal, Care of Grounds, etc. (Not including Participation Payments by Nursery School and other Organizations)	$1,500.		
First Day School	225.		
Program Committee	100.		
Sewing Committee	25.		
Library	80.		
Bulletins	100.		
	$2,030.	$1,150.	$880.

	Approximate Expenditures For The Year	Jan. - Oct. Receipts	To Be Secured Before 1-1-52
Service Committee (Displaced People)	500.	330.	170.
1951 Payment for Building	2,000.	1,390.	610.
	$4,530.	$2,870.	$1,660.

In addition it was announced that the tricycle garage for the children was nearly completed.

The Nominating Committee reported that George Shaw has resigned as auditor and recommended George Halford. The Meeting approved this appointment. His term is to be from January until his successor is named.

The Fair Committee made a report on the Fair which netted $298. ($161. from the auction and $137 from other sales). Although the Meeting does not wish to use the technique of the auction in the future, it expressed appreciation of the work of the Committee members who sponsored the affair.

The meeting then concluded after a few minutes of worship.

Jeannette H. Purdy, Clerk

Robert B. Walker, Recording Clerk

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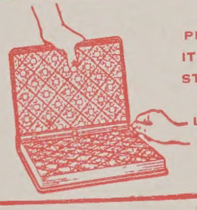

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